PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes aciculare Small

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES Needle-spined gooseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used fresh and also used for jams and juices.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1 m tall. The stems have sharp bristles. The bark is light grey. The leaves are rounded and have 3-5 lobes. Leaves are up to 3 cm wide. They are shiny above. The flowers do not have stalks and are greenish-white or pink. The fruit are berries 1-1.5 cm wide. The fruit are red, green or yellow.

HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant. In Kazakhstan it grows on stony slopes in low mountain belts. In western China it grows between 1,500-2,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In western China plants flower in May and June and fruit in July and August.

NOTES

There are about 150-200 Ribes species. Most are in the northern hemisphere. There are 40 species in tropical America in the high Andes.

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