PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes alpestre Wall. ex Decaisne.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES Spiny plum, Asian gooseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten. They are also preserved in jams and jellies.
They are also used for wine and soft drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It has many branches. It grows about 2 m high. The stem is prickly. There are 1-3 spines at each node. The leaves have long stalks. They are rounded with blunt teeth. They are slightly hairy. The flowers occur singly. They are white and bell shaped. The fruit is a berry. It is oval and dull red. It has hairy glands over it.

HABITAT

It is a temperate to subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 3200-3600 m altitude. It grows on dry, open slopes. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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