PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus irritans Focke

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It grows 10-60 cm tall. The branches are reddish brown with needle-like prickles. There are also soft hairs. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk and one at the end. There are 3 or 5 leaflets. The leaflets are 3-5 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. There are 1-3 flowers in a group at the ends of branches. The flowers are 2 cm across and the petals are white. The fruit is aggregate and red. They are 1-1.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on slopes and the edges of forests between 2,000-4,500 m above sea level. In Sichuan.

NOTES

Medicine.

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