PLANT FACT SHEET

Rheum nanum Sievers

GENUS *Rheum* **FAMILY** Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Small rhubarb, Short rhubarb

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots - starch, Leaves

Starch is obtained from the roots and used as a food.
The root is cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 15-25 cm high. It has a stout, straight taproot. The leaves near the base are almost round. They are 8-10 cm across. They have veins spread like fingers on a hand. The flowers are small and in groups at the top. The seeds are dry and 10-12 mm long. They have wings.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in north western China. It grows on gravel in the Gobi desert. It can grow in arid places. It grows between 700-2,000 m above sea level.

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