PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Rubus archboldianus* Merr. & L. M. Perry

**GENUS** *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A climbing or scrambling shrub. The stems are up to 5 m long. The prickles are 2 mm long and curved. Often they are purplish. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaf stalks are 1-4 cm long. The leaflets are oval and the side ones are 5.5 cm long by 4 cm wide. The edges of the leaves have saw like teeth. The leaves are leathery. The flowerings stalks have 1 or 2 flower stalks below the end flower. These have 1 or 2 flowers each. The petals are red. The fruit or berry is 3 cm across made up of many small fruit. The fruit is dark red. The fruit are edible.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. In mountain forests from 1,800 to 3,600 m altitude.

## NOTES

The plant is polyploid having several sets of chromosomes. There are about 250 Rubus species.

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