PLANT FACT SHEET

Searsia dentata (Thunb.) F. A. Barkley

GENUS *Searsia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Nana-berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.
They are used to curdle milk.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows to 6 m high. The branches are grey. The foliage is soft. The twigs are red or yellow. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaves on on long leaf stalks. The leaves are thin and dark green on top and lighter underneath. The central leaflet is 2.5-5 cm long or it can be 8 cm long. It is oval and narrows to the base. The upper parts of the leaf has bold teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and yellow. They have a sweet smell. The flower clusters are in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit is small and round. It turns red or orange. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from medium to high altitudes. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is moderately fast growing.

NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species.

PICTURES



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