PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes americanum Mill.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES American blackcurrant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten after cooking. They can be used in jellies and pies. They are also eaten fresh. They are also dried and stored.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It does not have prickles. It grows about 1 m high. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are rounded with 3-5 pointed lobes. The leaves are 10 cm wide. There are double teeth along the edge. The flowers are creamy white. They are bell shaped and hang in clusters in the axils of the leaves. The fruit are smooth round black berries.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in damp soil near streams. It suits hardiness zone 3.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.

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