PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus cockburnianus Hemsl.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Hua zhong xuan gou zi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An arching deciduous shrub. It grows 2.2-2.7 m high and 1.8-2.5 m wide. The stems are purplish and prickly. They are covered with a white bloom. The leaves are dark green and have 9 egg shaped leaflets. They are furry white underneath. The flowers are purple. The fruit are purplish-black. They are less than 1 cm across and slightly hairy.

HABITAT

It is frost hardy. It grows on sunny slopes and in dense forests in mountain valleys in S China between 900 and 4,000 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 6-10. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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