PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus moluccanus L.; Hook.f. in part

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Molucca bramble

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The berries are eaten raw. They are also made into jam.

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling shrub reaching 2 to 3 m high. They can be 10-15 m long. The stems and leaves are armed with medium sized spines. The leaves are large and lobed and the upper surface hairy. The leaves can be 25 cm long and 25 cm wide. They are broadly heart shaped with 5 indistinct lobes. The flowers are white and borne in clusters. The berries are about 1-3 cm across. They are red and with little flavour.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur in mountains from Bontoc, Mountain province in the Philippines to the northern limits of the islands. They are common in the highlands of Papua New Guinea from sea level to 2,200 m. In tropical Queensland they grow between 265-1200 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They both grow wild. They could be grown by division of the root.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

PICTURES



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