PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus alceifolius Poir.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant bramble

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It can be 6 m tall. The thorns on the stems are 4 mm long. The leaves have 5-7 lobes. The leaves are 5-20 cm long and wide. There on hairs on the top side and very hairy underneath. There are thorns along the midrib. The leaf stalks are 2-5 cm long and have thorns along the underside. The stipules are divided and spread out. The flowers can be single or in clusters in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The flowers are white and 7-10 mm long. They have 5 petals. The fruit is an aggregate berry. It is orange or red and 2-3 cm long. There are many seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in warm regions. It grows in secondary undergrowth between 500 and 1800 m altitude.

NOTES

It can become a weed. There are about 700 Rubus species.

PICTURES



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