PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus rigidus J. E. Sm.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES African bramble

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They are also used for jams, jellies and drinks.
The leaves are used for tea drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A straggling herb or shrub. It can be erect. It grows 1-3.5 m high. It keeps growing from year to year. The flowering branches have a grey covering and prickles. The leaves are 6-14 cm long by 6-11 cm wide. The flowers are pink or red. The fruit are orange.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the edges of swamp forest in West Africa. It grows between 1,040-2,100 m altitude. It grows on clay loams and sandy soils. It is often along creeks and rivers.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

PICTURES



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