PLANT FACT SHEET

Aralia hispida Vent.

GENUS *Aralia* **FAMILY** Araliaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy sarsaparilla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Rhizomes, Fruit - flavour

The rhizomes are used to make tea and root beer.
The fruit are used to flavour beer.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1 m tall. It has sharp stiff bristles at the base. The leaves are twice divided. The leaflets are oval and have teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and greenish white. They grow in round clusters. The fruit are dark berries. They have a bad smell.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Canada it grows in sandy, open woods. It suits hardiness zone 3.

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