PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhus punjabensis J. L. Stewart ex Brandis

GENUS *Rhus* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Punjab sumac

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.
They are also used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 12 m tall. The young shoots are hairy with a rusty covering. The leaves have an irregular number of leaflets with a leaflet at the end. There are 9-13 leaflets that are opposite. They are 4-12 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and can have fine teeth around the edge. The groups of flowers are at the ends of branches. The fruit is fleshy and 3-4 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. In Pakistan it grows between 1,200-2,400 m above sea level. In China it grows on hills and mountain forests between 400-3,500 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species. Caution: The juice of the leaves can irritate the skin.

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