



PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus fraxinifolius Poir.

GENUS *Rubus* FAMILY Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Red raspberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The berries are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling shrub reaching 2 to 4 m high. It is armed with fair sized sharp spines. The leaves have leaflets on opposite sides of the stalk with 3 to 11 leaflets. The edges are toothed and they are pointed at the tip and slanting at the base. The flowers are white and the berries borne in clusters. The berries are bright red and fairly juicy but tasteless. The fruit are 0.8-1.4 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in damp forests at low and medium altitudes up to 1800 m. They occur from Luzon to Mindanao in the Philippines. It grows in thickets near sea level in Taiwan.

NOTES

There are about 250 *Rubus* species.

PICTURES



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