PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus flagellaris Willd.

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES American dewberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea, Shoots

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also used in pies, jams, jellies, sauces, fruit juices and wine.
The dried leaves are used for tea.
The young shoots are peeled and eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A trailing plant. It grows 20 cm tall and spreads 2-5 m long. The old stems are woody and have hooked prickles. The leaves are alternate and compound. They have 3 leaflets. The leaflets are 8 cm long by 3 cm wide. They have double teeth along the edge. There are 1-5 flowers at the ends of the stems. The flowers are white. The fruit is compound and fleshy. They can be 2.5 cm long. They turn purple to black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in light shade. It suits hardiness zone 4. In Montreal Botanical gardens.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

PICTURES

Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

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