PLANT FACT SHEET

Ribes hirtellum Michx.

GENUS *Ribes* **FAMILY** Grossulariaceae

COMMON NAMES American Black gooseberry, American gooseberry, Hairy gooseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw, cooked or dried. They are used in jams, jellies, preserves, pies, tarts, and other desserts.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1 m tall. The branches have bristles. The leaves are widely oval. They have 3-5 lobes. The base is a broad triangle shape. The flowers are green to purple and in groups of 3. They are narrowly bell shaped. The fruit are purple or black.

HABITAT

It is a cool temperate plant. It suits hardiness zone 3.

NOTES

There are about 150 Ribes species.
It has been used to form hybrids.

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