



PLANT FACT SHEET

Searsia parviflora (Roxb.) F. A. Barkley

GENUS *Searsia* FAMILY Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Sumac

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit eaten raw or pickled. They are sour in taste. They are also dried. They are mixed with salt and used like tamarind.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It has many branches. The leaves have stalks. They are alternate and have 3 leaflets. The lower pair of leaflets are smaller. They have irregular teeth. They are hairy on both surfaces. The tip is rounded. They gradually taper to the base. The flowers are yellowish and have a scent. The fruit are small and round. They are red when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Nepal plants grow between 700-1400 m altitude. They grow on open, dry hillsides.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 200 *Rhus* species.

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