



PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosa abyssinica R. Br. ex Lindley

GENUS *Rosa* FAMILY Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Abyssinian wild rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. The seeds are not eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A prickly shrub. It can be creeping or climbing. It grows 50-70 cm high. There are a few prickles on the stem. They are slightly curved. The leaves are compound with 3 pairs of leaflets and one at the tip. These are narrowly oval and 1-6 cm long. There are teeth along the edge and they have a sharp tip. The flowers are white to pale yellow. They have a scent. The flowers usually occur as 3-20 in dense heads. The fruit are green but ripen to orange-red. They are fleshy and 2 cm long. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In East Africa it grows in the highlands. It is common between 1,700-3,300 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are between 100-150 (400) *Rosa* species and many cultivated varieties.

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