



PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus lasiocarpus Smith

GENUS *Rubus* FAMILY Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Black raspberry, Ceylon raspberry, Hill raspberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten raw or used for drinks. They are also used for jams and jellies and in desserts.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3 m high. A long white cane with large thorns along it. It produces purple to black fruit. The fruit are 2 cm across. They are in clusters of 10-15.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the tropical highlands. It suits areas with a well-distributed medium to high rainfall. It has been introduced from India. It grows between 800 m and 2600 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It grows wild and is cultivated. New plants do not grow easily from canes. It can be grown from seed, tip layers or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are produced in 1-2 years from seed and 1 year from cuttings. Fruit mature in 90 days.

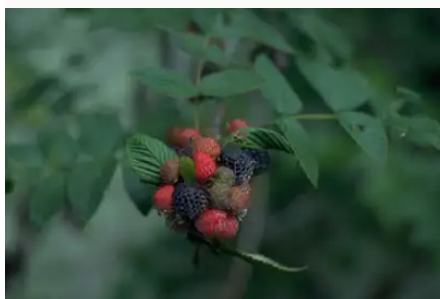
NOTES

There are about 250 *Rubus* species.

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