

Ribes uva-crispa

COMMON NAME

gooseberry

FAMILY

Grossulariaceae

AUTHORITY

Ribes uva-crispa L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

RIBUVA

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Grass and scrub covered areas, rocky outcrops and forest margins.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Deciduous spiny shrub up to about 2 m high. Leaves broadly deltoid up to 7 x 6 cm, petioles to 5 cm, palmately lobed. White flowers solitary or in small clusters. Fruit to about 25 mm diameter, green, yellow or sometimes dark red, translucent, lacking bloom, flesh sweet.

SIMILAR TAXA

Can easily be distinguished from other *Ribes* species by the large fruit and the conspicuous spines.

FLOWERING

August, September, October, November

FLOWER COLOURS

White

FRUITING

November, December, January, February

LIFE CYCLE

Spreads by seed (several seeds in each fruit), dispersed by birds

YEAR NATURALISED

1872

ORIGIN

Europe, N.Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

TOLERANCES

Tolerates cold dry conditions very well.



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