



RUBUS ULMIFOLIUS SCHOTT

Fam. Rosaceae

DESCRIPTION

Perennial shrub plant with stems and aerial branches up to 6 metres long, with aculei (thorns). Coarse species, very resistant even to frost.

DISTRIBUTION

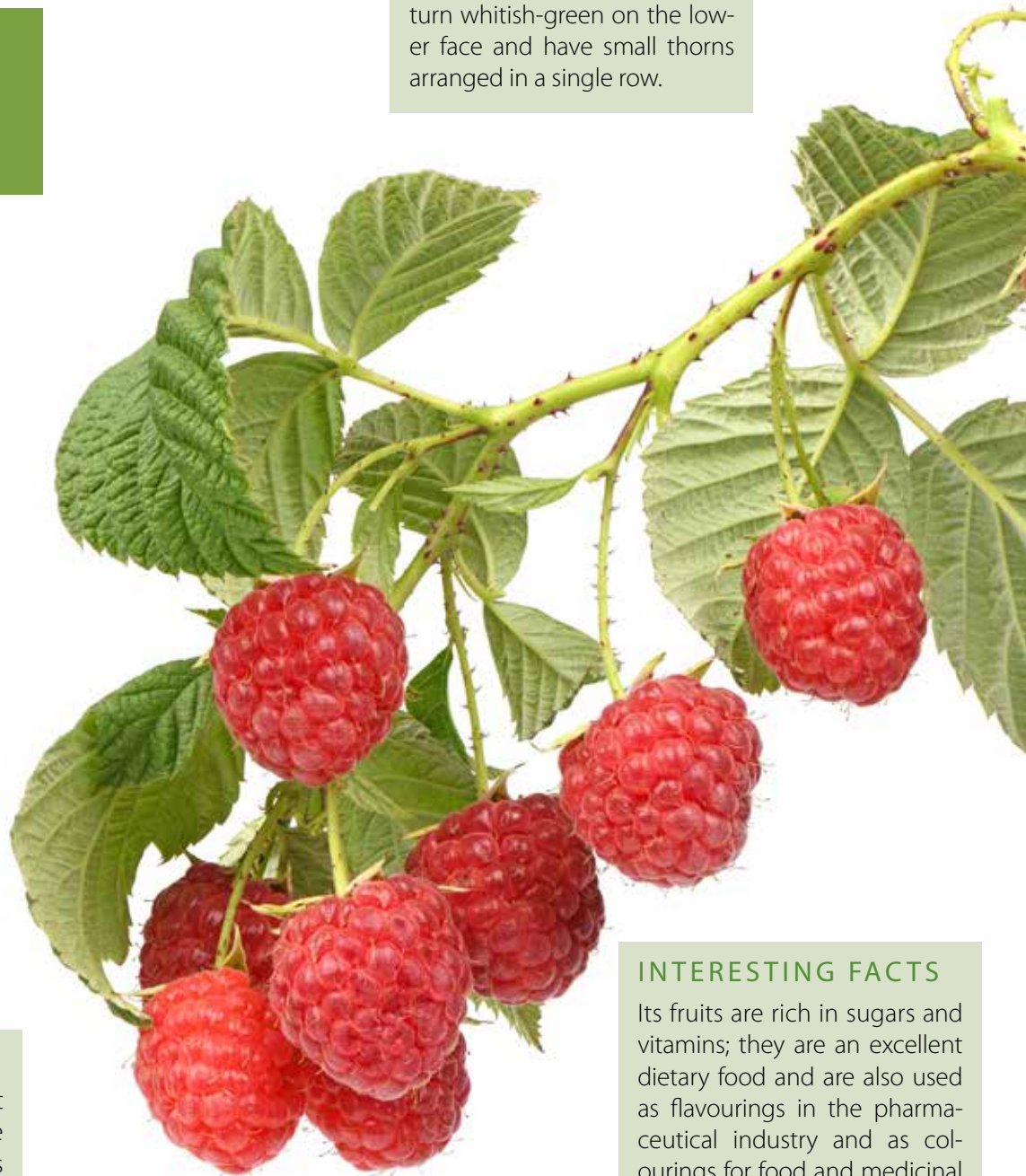
This species is spread throughout all of Europe up to the Caucasus, in the Mediterranean countries and the Middle East up to the Crimean Peninsula; it grows spontaneously throughout the Italian territory.

FLOWERS

They are arranged in clusters at the top of the branches or the axil of the leaves. The flower is composed of light-green sepals and a corolla with 5 whitish or pink petals, very delicate. It blooms from May to August.

LEAVES

The leaves are generally digitated and have 5 deep-green leaflets on the upper face which turn whitish-green on the lower face and have small thorns arranged in a single row.



ROOTS

Large fasciculated root.

INTERESTING FACTS

Its fruits are rich in sugars and vitamins; they are an excellent dietary food and are also used as flavourings in the pharmaceutical industry and as colourings for food and medicinal products. In herbal medicine and homoeopathy, it is used as a natural remedy in the treatment of inflammation of the oropharynx.