PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia breviflora Benth.

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild currant, Coffee fruit, Emu berries

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree with many stems. It grows 3-8 m tall. The branches spread out. The tree loses its leaves during the year. The leaves have hairs on both surfaces. The leaf blade is 3.5-8 cm long by 2-4.5 cm wide. The veins are distinct. The edges have teeth. The flowers are yellow and about 0.5 cm long. The occur in small clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is smooth, round and fleshy. It has 1-2 lobes. They are about 0.6 cm across. They are dark black when ripe. They contain a hard shell with 2 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in coastal monsoon vine-thickets.

NOTES

There are about 200 Grewia species. They are mostly tropical. The fruit of most may be edible. These were in the Sparrmanniaceae and the Tiliaceae.

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