PLANT FACT SHEET

Byttneria aculeata (Jacq.) Jacq.

GENUS *Byttneria* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Espino hueco, Common hog weed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Roots

The young leaves are eaten as greens.
The root is a substitute for sarsaparilla.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. The stems are hollow and angular. It can be erect or lying along the ground. The branches and lower leaf surfaces have curved prickles.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows up to 1,200 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.
It can be a serious weed.

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