PLANT FACT SHEET

Solanum sisymbriifolium Lam.

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Sticky nightshade

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are sweet and eaten raw. They are probably best to be cooked. It is used for marmalades and jellies. CAUTION: There are some reports of poisoning children. The seeds are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It grows 1-1.3 m high. The stems are 1-1.5 cm across. It has spines 1-1.3 mm long. The leaves are simple alternate. They are 20 cm long by 12 cm wide. The leaves have lobes. There are teeth along the edges. There are spines on the veins. The flowers are at the ends of branches. They occur singly. The fruit is round and 2 cm across. It is in a spiny case. This opens to reveal the red fruit.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows up to 2500 m altitude. In Ecuador it grows between 2,000-3,000 m above sea level. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is used as a hedge.

NOTES

There are about 1400 Solanum species.

PICTURES



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