PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Byttneria herbacea* Roxb.

**GENUS** *Byttneria* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Common hog weed

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves

The leaves are eaten as a green.

## DESCRIPTION

A herb. It lies along the ground. It can be 30 cm long. It has many branches. The stems are hairy. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are 2-3 cm long by 1.5-2.5 cm wide. The base is heart shaped and hairy. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are red. They are in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a round prickly capsule.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near Chennai. It grows on bare slopes between 800-1,100 m above sea level.

## NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.
It has anti-oxidant potential.

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