PLANT FACT SHEET

Hibiscus hirtus Linn.

GENUS *Hibiscus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Lesser mallow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves have teeth along the edge. The flowers are pink or orange and smaller than most Hibiscus. They are 3 cm across. The flowers open at midday. The pods has about 12-15 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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