PLANT FACT SHEET

Hibiscus articulatus Hochst. ex A. Rich.

GENUS *Hibiscus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

The leaves are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has a woody rootstock. It produces new shoots from this each year. The leaves are 10 cm long by 6 cm wide. The leaves are oval. The flowers are white or pale yellow. They are 5-10 cm across. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a capsule 18 mm long by 12 mm wide. The seeds are 2.5 mm long by 2 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in woodland from sea level to 1,500 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 220 Hibiscus species.

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