PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Grewia trichocarpa* Hochst ex A.Rich.

**GENUS** *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw. They are sweet.

## DESCRIPTION

An erect evergreen shrub. It grows 2-6 m high. The bark is silver-grey. The leaves are thin and papery. The leaves are narrowly oval. They are 3-11 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. The flowers are yellow. There are several flowers in a group. The fruit is orange and can have 1 or 2 lobes. It is 5-7 mm long.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in sandy soil. It grows between 600-2,150 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places. In Tanzania it grows in areas with a rainfall between 900-1,400 mm.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

In Tanzania fruit are collected between April to June.

## NOTES

There are about 200 Grewia species. They are mostly tropical. The fruit of most may be edible. These were in the Sparrmanniaceae and the Tiliaceae.

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