PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia avellana Hiern

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Raisin bush, Hazel-leaf grewia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They are also stored.
They are also pounded and used to make beer.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.5 m high. It has several stems. The small branches have a covering of yellowish-brown hairs. The leaf blade is 2-5 mm long by 2-3 mm wide. They are narrowly oval. There are rounded teeth along the edge. There are soft hairs on both surfaces. The flowers are white. Normally 2-3 flowers occur together. The fruit have 4 lobes and are red. They are 2.5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in low rainfall woodland. It is often on Kalahari sands. It grows between 885-1,220 m above sea level. It can tolerate shade. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be cut back and will re-grow.

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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