PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia stolzii Ulbr.

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Green-petalled cross-berry, Green-petalled raisin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A straggling shrub or small tree. It grows 3-4 m tall. The dark is dark grey-brown. The leaves are oblong and 12 cm long by 5.5 cm wide. They are dark green on both surfaces. They have hairs on the upper surface. The edges have teeth. The flowers are white to pale yellow. They are 3 cm across. There are 2-5 flowers in a group opposite the leaves. The petals are small and greenish. The fruit have 4 lobes. Each lobe is about 10 mm across. They are reddish when mature. They are slightly hairy. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs among rocks and in open woodland. It can be on the edges of evergreen forest. It can be on termite mounds.

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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