PLANT FACT SHEET

Hibiscus ludwigii Eckl. & Zeyh.

GENUS *Hibiscus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild hollyhock

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Vegetable, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-3 m high. The leaves are hairy. They are round and 8 cm across. There can be 3-5 small lobes. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are large and yellow with a purple or red centre. They are 7 cm across. The fruit is an oval capsule with bristles. The seeds are smooth and almost kidney shaped.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on the Nyika plateau in NE Zambia and Malawi. It grows on the edges of forests up to 2,400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and cuttings.

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