PLANT FACT SHEET

Premna mollissima Roxb.

GENUS *Premna* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Bark

The leaves and tender shoots are cooked and eaten as greens and in curries.
The bark is eaten as a famine food.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-8 m tall. The crown is spreading. The young shoots are hairy. The young stem has spines. The leaves have an unpleasant smell. The leaves are oval and entire and wavy along the edge. They have soft hairs underneath. The flowers are greenish and in groups. The fruit are small and fleshy. The are round and black when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near Mumbai and Chennai.

NOTES

Also put in the family Verbenaceae.

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