PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia barteri Burret

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Keli

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Gum, Bark

The twigs and gum are used in sauces and for flavouring. The dry bark is powdered and used as flavouring in sauce.
The fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-6 m tall. It can be scrambling. The leaves are heart shaped to round and have teeth along the edge. They are 10-12 cm long by 9-11 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of the leaves.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in savannah woodland and near rivers in some parts of West Africa. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

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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