PLANT FACT SHEET

Citrus x jambhiri Lush.

GENUS *Citrus* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Citronelle, Rough Lemon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Skin, Fruit

The skin or rind is used for making jams and for flavouring.
The fruit is occasionally eaten.
The young fruit are used for pickles.

DESCRIPTION

It is probably a hybrid between lemon and citron. A small tree. It grows 5 m high. The branches have stiff, stout spines. These can be 2 cm long. The leaves have a lemon scent. The leaf stalk is 3-10 mm long. It has a slight channel but no wings. The leaf blade is narrowly oval and 7-11 cm long by 3.5-6 cm wide. There are teeth around the edge. The flowers can be clustered or occur singly. The sepals are 1-1.5 mm long and the petals 1.5 cm long. They are white. The fruit is almost round or oval and 10 cm long. It is yellow. It has a thick, rough skin with gland dots on it. There is a cone shaped lump at the end.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 9-12. It is cold hardy and will grow on clay soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is often grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are 20 Citrus species. Several hybrids have been formed. This is probably a hybrid between Citrus medica and Citrus reticulata. The name is probably Citrus x jambhiri.

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