PLANT FACT SHEET

Corchorus urticifolius Wight. & Arn.

GENUS *Corchorus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are used as a green vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It lies along the ground. It is an annual plant and grows 1 m tall and 25 cm wide. The leaves are alternate and narrowly oval. There are teeth along the edge. The leaves are 5-8 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The flowers are in groups of 2-4. They are opposite the leaves. The petals are yellow. The fruit is a 3 sided capsule. There are 3 seeds.

HABITAT

It grows in sandy loams. It can grow in arid places.

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