PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordia alba (Jacq.) Roem. & Schult.

GENUS *Cordia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES English clammy berry, White cordia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit pulp is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 8 m tall and the trunk can be 20 cm across. The crown is usually broad and rounded. The bark is light grey and deeply cracked. The leaves are alternate. The leaves are broadly oval with coarse irregular teeth. They are 5-12 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. The upper surface is rough and hairy. The flowers are white or pale yellow. They are about 2 cm across. They are funnel shaped. The fruit are oval and fleshy. They are about 2 cm long. They have a stone and white flesh.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Puerto Rico it grows to 160 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 300 Cordia species.

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