PLANT FACT SHEET

Celtis lindheimeri Engelm.

GENUS *Celtis* **FAMILY** Cannabaceae

COMMON NAMES Lindheimer's Hackberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small tree with many branches. The crown is broad and irregular. It grows 9 m high. The bark is brown, thick and smooth but becomes lumpy with age. The trunk is 15 cm across. The leaves are in 2 rows. They are 4-7 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. There are 3 main veins and the base is unequal. The leaves are thick and grey-green above and paler with soft hairs underneath. The flowers are 3 mm wide and pale green.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along streams in limestone hills. It grows between 300-600 m altitude in Mexico. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are 70-100 Celtis species. They are mostly in the tropics. There are 8-10 species in tropical America. Also put in the family Ulmaceae.

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