PLANT FACT SHEET

Abutilon fruticosum Guill. & Perr.

GENUS *Abutilon* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Texas Indian mallow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. It has many branches. It is hairy. It grows 1 m tall. The leaves are 1-8 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are heart shaped at the base. They can have teeth. The flowers occurs singly in the axils of the leaves. The flowers are yellow. The fruit are 8 mm long by 10 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in well-drained soils that can be rocky or sandy. It is often over limestone material. It grows between 275-1,800 m above sea level. It can tolerate shade. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 100-160 Abutilon species.

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