PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia tomentosa Juss.

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Pohplea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub 1-6 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. It has light brown hairy twigs. The leaves are alternate and oval tapering towards the tip and with teeth along the edges. The fruit is fleshy and has 2-4 lobes.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows between 50-900 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 200 Grewia species. They are mostly tropical. The fruit of most may be edible. These were in the Sparrmanniaceae and the Tiliaceae.
The plant is used for skin diseases.

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