PLANT FACT SHEET

Abutilon mauritianum (Jacq.) Medic.

GENUS *Abutilon* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Bush mallow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Leaves, Flowers, Vegetable

The young tender leaves and flowers are cooked and eaten. They are often cooked in oil and with other ingredients like peanuts.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It is slightly woody. It grows 2 m high. It usually has many branches. It has a soft grey covering of hairs. The leaf blade is 18 cm long by 16 cm wide. It is widely oval with a long pointed tip. The flowers occur singly and are bright yellow. They are on long stalks. The petals are 14 mm long. The fruit are 15 mm long by 20 mm wide. They are black and round.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along roadsides and on a variety of soils from sea level to 2,000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Leaves and flowers are collected during the wet season.

NOTES

There are about 100-160 Abutilon species.
It can become a serious weed.

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