PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Food Plants International: Poisonous without treatment

Datura innoxia Mill.

GENUS *Datura* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Downy thorn apple, Black datura

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - drinks

CAUTION: IT IS POISONOUS.
The seeds are very poisonous. They have been used to make an alcoholic drink.
The active poisonous alkaloids are atropine, hyoscyamine and hyoscine.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an annual plant. It grows up to 2 m high. The stems have short hairs. The leaves are slightly hairy above and very hairy underneath. They have an unpleasant smell. The fruit is a very densely prickly drooping capsule. It is poisonous.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season. It grows in sandy, stony and loamy soils. It grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are 10 Datura species.

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