PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Grewia damine* Gaertn.

**GENUS** *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-4 m high. The stems and branches have a wrinkled surface. The bark is ash-grey. The young shoots have pale hairs. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped and 2-5 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They have 3 ribs. The leaves have unequal sides. The flowers are in groups of 2-3 in the axils of leaves. The flower are yellow and 1.5 cm across. The fruit is fleshy and round. It can have 2 lobes. The fruit are 6-8 mm across.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Pakistan it grows in the dry arid plains between 500-1,500 m altitude.

## 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.
Grewia salvifolia B. Heyne ex Roth is a synonym of Grewia damine Gaertn.; There are other authorities for Grewia salvifolia with others synonyms.

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