PLANT FACT SHEET

Microcos hirsuta (Korth.) Burret

GENUS *Microcos* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Kerodong tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are acid and used in juice drinks. The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows about 10-16 m tall. The trunk is 35 cm across. The branches are hairy. The leaves are alternate and simple. There are hairy. The flowers contain both sexes. The flowers are 11 mm across. They are white or yellow and in groups. The fruit are 2 cm long and orange.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical Asia. It grows in forests up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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.

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