PLANT FACT SHEET

Solanum anomalum Thonn. ex Schumach.

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Children's tomato

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Vegetable

The ripe fruit are eaten in soups and sauces as a condiment. They can also be dried, preserved or fermented. The leaves are not often eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It may or may not have thorns. It grows 2-5 m high. The young branches and leaves have a hairy covering. The fruit are round and about 2 cm across. They are yellow-brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland forests in West Africa. It is often in drier parts of the forest zone. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 1400 Solanum species.

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