PLANT FACT SHEET

Malvaviscus arboreus Cavanilles

GENUS *Malvaviscus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Manzanito, Wax mallow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows about 2-4 m high. The leaves are long or heart shaped and velvety. They are 5-12 cm long. The leaves can have 3 lobes. The flowers are long and tapering. They face upwards. The fruit are small red berries.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Central America it grows from sea level to 2,000 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 8-12. Geelong Botanical Gardens. Wittunga Botanical Gardens. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are 3-6 Malvaviscus species. They occur in tropical America.

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