PLANT FACT SHEET

Boehmeria macrophylla Hornem.

GENUS *Boehmeria* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

COMMON NAMES Chalnesisnu, African jolanettle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or shrub. It can be party woody. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 2.5 m tall. Plants are separately male or female. The leaves are broadly oval and 6-18 cm long by 3-12 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Nepal between 500-2500 m altitude. It grows on moist hillsides. It suits light sandy well-drained soils. It grows in Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or root offshoots.

NOTES

Leaves are fed to cattle. There are about 100 Boehmeria species. They grow in the tropics and subtropics.

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