PLANT FACT SHEET

Xanthium spinosum Linn.

GENUS *Xanthium* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Spiny clotbur, Spiny cocklebur

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - oil

The seeds yield an oil which is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized stiffly branched annual herb. It grows 1 m high. It has simple or 3 forked yellowish spines at the base of each leaf. The fruit heads are 8-12 mm across. They are covered with dense, hooked spines.

HABITAT

It is a temperate or Mediterranean plant. It grows on cultivated and waste grounds. It grows in warm temperate places. It grows in wet alkaline soils. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,500 m above sea level. Tasmania Herbarium.

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