PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia falcistipula K. Schum.

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Heart-leaved raisin-bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Root

The fruit is eaten raw.
The fruit are also used for making alcoholic drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1-2 m tall. It has several branches spreading from the base. The leaf blade is 2-8 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are broadly oval. They taper to the tip and have teeth around the edge. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. The petals are yellow. The fruit are orange. They are 1.5 cm across. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on Kalahari sands. It grows between 400-1,400 m above sea level. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall of about 200 mm. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

These were in the Sparrmanniaceae and the Tiliaceae.

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