PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia tembensis Fresen.

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Leaves

The sweet ripe fruit are eaten. Sometimes the juice only is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It has several stems. It grows 4 m high. The stems are long and narrow. They are grey and smooth. The leaves are oval and slightly hairy. They are rough above and have teeth along the edge. The flowers are white or pink. The fruit have 4 lobes. They are light green and ripen to red or orange.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Kenya it grows between 250-2,200 m altitude. It grows in areas with a rainfall of 500-800 mm. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and also from cuttings.

NOTES

These were in the Sparrmanniaceae and the Tiliaceae.

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