PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Solanum capsicoides Allioni

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Cockroach berry, Red popolo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.
Caution: The fruit are probably poisonous unless cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1 m tall. It has soft hairs and also prickles. The leaf stalk is 8 cm long. The leaf blades are broadly oval and 15 cm long. They have coarse teeth or lobes. There are 2-5 flowers in a group. The flower calyx is deeply 5 lobed. The fruit are round and 2-4 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It has become widespread as a self sown plant in the tropics. In Asia it grows up to 1,500 m altitude. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 700 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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