PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Grewia ferruginea* Hochst. ex A. Rich.

**GENUS** *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 7 m tall. The young shoots and leaves have red-brown hairs. The leaves are oval and have teeth along the edge. The leaves are 13 cm long and usually pointed to the tip. The flowers are yellow, purple or white and are as 2 or 4 at the ends of the branches. The flower head is about 5 cm long. The fruit are in 4 rounded parts and are 5 mm across.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits the desert and dry shrubland. It grows between 1,300-2,700 m above sea level.

## NOTES

There are about 200 Grewia species. They are mostly tropical. The fruit of most may be edible. These were in the Sparrmanniaceae and the Tiliaceae.

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