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.

Acalypha amentacea Roxb.

GENUS *Acalypha* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Fire dragon acalypha

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Vegetable, Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-5 m tall. There are prickles along the stem. The leaves are twice divided and there are 8-18 pairs of pinnae. There are up to 50 pairs of pinnules on each pinnae. The flowers are yellow. They are in large clusters at the ends of branches. The pods are flattened.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It also grows on atolls.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from stem cuttings. It can be grown as a hedge.

NOTES

It is used as medicine.

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