PLANT FACT SHEET

Solanum aculeatissimum Jacq.

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Cow eggplant, Love apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The unripe fruit are roasted and eaten.
They are also used in curries.

DESCRIPTION

A soft shrub. It grows about 1 m tall. It is often grown as an annual. It has prickles. The leaves have lobes. The flowers are small and white. They are normally singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit are bright red. They are 5 cm across. These normally have ridges and lobes. They look like tomatoes.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It grows between 1,000-2,400 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown as a hedge.

NOTES

There are about 1400 Solanum species. It is used in medicine. It can be invasive. It can affect the germination of some other seeds, including vegetables.

PICTURES



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