PLANT FACT SHEET

Abutilon ramosum (Cav.) Guill. & Perr.

GENUS *Abutilon* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Monkey's sorrel

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An erect plant. It grows 1.25 m tall. The stems branch near the base. They become woody near the base. The plant is hairy. The leaves are broadly oval and can have 3 shallow lobes. The leaves are 4-10 cm long. They are dark green above and paler underneath. There are shallow teeth along the edge. The flowers are yellow to orange and 2 cm across. They occur as 3-4 together in the axils of the upper leaves. The fruit has 8 sections. They spread out with long awns like spikes.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the drier parts of tropical Africa. It grows in rocky places and often in light shade. It grows from sea level and up to 1,800 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 100-160 Abutilon species.

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