PLANT FACT SHEET

Melhania ovata (Cav.) Sprengel

GENUS *Melhania* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Plant

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It has many branches and is low growing. The leaves are broadly oval and 2-2.5 cm long by 1.5-1.8 cm wide. They are hairy on both surfaces. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers can occur singly or in groups or 2-4 in the axils of leaves. They are 1.5 cm across and yellow. The fruit is an oval capsule.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry or desert areas.

NOTES

There are about 60 Melhania species. Also put in the family Sterculiaceae and Pentapetaceae.

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