PLANT FACT SHEET

Solanum pseudocapsicum Linn.

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Mirchala

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - colouring

The fruit are used as a colouring agent in various dishes.
Caution: It can contain alkaloids such as solanine.

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub. It grows 90-120 cm tall. The leaves are 4-8 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. There are 1-3 flowers in a group in the axils of leaves. The flowers are white. The fruit is a berry 8-12 mm across. It is scarlet red and shiny. The seeds are 3 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Pakistan it grows up to 2,200 m altitude. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,600 m above sea level.

NOTES

It has anticancer properties.

PICTURES



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