PLANT FACT SHEET

Pisonia capitata (S. Watson) Standl.

GENUS *Pisonia* **FAMILY** Nyctaginaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexican devil's-claws

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. It has many branches that spread at right angles. They have stout re-curved spines that are 7-14 mm long. The stems arch over. They are velvety when young. The leaves are broadly oval and 2-6 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The flower heads are round and 1-2 cm wide. The fruit are flattened and 7-10 mm long by 3-4 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the dry tropics.

NOTES

There are about 50-70 Pisonia species. They grow in the tropics and subtropics.

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