PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Microcos paniculata* Linn.

**GENUS** *Microcos* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can grow to 20 m high. The crown is dense and cylinder shaped. The trunk is slightly fluted. The leaves are 12-20 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. They are oblong but taper slightly to the tip. There can be shallow irregular teeth towards the tip. The flowers are bright yellow and about 1 cm across. They are in branched clusters at the ends of twigs. These are 3-10 cm long. The fruit are up to 1.5 cm across. They are dark green and turn black when ripe. They have one large stone.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Yunnan in China below 1,000 m above sea level. It grows in monsoon forest and secondary forest. In XTBG Yunnan.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

The plants can be grown from seeds.

## NOTES

They have also been put in the families Tiliaceae and Sparrmanniaceae.

## PICTURES



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