PLANT FACT SHEET

Morus microphylla Buckley

GENUS *Morus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Texas mulberry, Mexican mulberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh and also pressed into pulpy cakes and dried and stored.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m high. The trunk is 20 cm across. The leaves are small and glossy green. They are in 2 rows and are 2.5-6 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The leaves usually have 2-5 lobes. The leaves have coarse teeth. They are dark green above and paler and softly hairy underneath. The flowers are very small and green. They are crowded in small clusters 10-19 mm long. Male and female flowers are on separate trees. The fruit is a rounded berry. It is 12 mm long. It is dark purple when ripe. The fruit are sweet and edible.

HABITAT

It grows in moist soils, usually along streams. In the southern USA it grows between 300-1800 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

NOTES

There are about 16 Morus species.

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