PLANT FACT SHEET

Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii (Torrey & A. Gray) Schery

GENUS *Malvaviscus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Wax mallow, Miniature sleeping Hibiscus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small weak shrub. It grows 3-4 m tall. It has oval leaves with teeth around the edge. The leaves are 5-8 cm long. They are finely hairy underneath. The flowers are red. They are folded in a spiral like an umbrella. They are 4-5 cm long. The fruit is like an apple and 2.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It can grow with moderate moisture or in fairly dry conditions. It can grow in a fairly poor but well-drained soil. It needs full sun. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

NOTES

There are 6 Malvaviscus species. They occur in tropical America.

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