PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Morus serrata* Roxb.

**GENUS** *Morus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Himalayan mulberry

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The ripe fruit are edible. They are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to about 20 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The bark is dark grey, The bark peels off in irregular woody scales. The small branches are densely hairy. The leaf stalk is 4-6 cm long. The leaves are variable. They are broadly oval. They taper to the tip. They are 10-14 cm long by 6-10 cm wide. They are deeply 3-5 lobed. (Unlobed ?) They have coarse sharp teeth around the edge. The flowers are greenish. The fruit is dry and pink or purple when ripe.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate to subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 1500-2400 m altitude. It grows in open places around villages. In China it grows in forests at about 2300 m in Xizang.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or from root offshoots.

## NOTES

There are about 16 Morus species.

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