PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia lasiodiscus K. Schum.

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit is eaten.
It is also used to make a drink.
It is also used as a spice or condiment,.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. The branches are often tangled. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are narrowly oval and 3-10 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The base is rounded or wedge shaped. The flowers are in groups in the axils of the leaves. There are 1-4 flowers in a group. The flowers are 2 cm across. The sepals are yellow to red. The fruit is round and fleshy and 7-12 mm across. It is brown and is not lobed. There are 1-2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in arid places. It grows in the savannah in West Africa.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Seed are best soaked in sulphuric acid for 60 minutes then soaked in water for 24 hours before planting.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers at the beginning of the rainy season.

NOTES

These were in the families Sparrmanniaceae and the Tiliaceae.

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