PLANT FACT SHEET

Microcos heterotricha (Mast.) Burret

GENUS *Microcos* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Climbing crossberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A climber. The leaves are alternate and narrowly oval to heart shaped. They have teeth along the edge. They are 5-13 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. The flowers are in groups opposite the leaves. The fruit have 4 lobes and are 1-2 cm wide. They turn purple-black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

NOTES

It is also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

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