PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia oxyphylla Burret

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Blush plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit can be eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

It can be a climber, a shrub or a tree. It grows 2-8 m high. The vine can be 5 cm across. The leaf blades are oval and 6-13 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. The base of the leaf can have 2 teeth or glandular lobes. The flowers are green and white. The fruit are 1-2 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are hairy. The seeds are 6-8 mm long by 4-5 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sand and in vine thickets close to the coast. It can be in monsoon forest. It grows near sea level and up to 100 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 200 Grewia species. They are mostly tropical. The fruit of most may be edible. These were in the Sparrmanniaceae and the Tiliaceae.

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