PLANT FACT SHEET

Microcos nervosa (Loureiro) S. Y. Hu

GENUS *Microcos* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Fruit

The young leafy branches are used as a tea substitute.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 4-10 m high. The leaves and branches are hairy. The leaves are rough to touch. They are oval and 10-15 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They taper to the tip and have a rounded base. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are greenish-yellow.

HABITAT

It is native to the hillsides of southern China. In Yunnan.

NOTES

They have also been put in the families Tiliaceae and Sparrmanniaceae.

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