PLANT FACT SHEET

Solanum macranthum Dunal

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Brazilian potato tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 10 m high. The branches and leaves can have sharp, hooked prickles. The leaves are large and 25-30 cm long. They are in clusters at the ends of branches. They are rough on the upper surface and hairy underneath. There are deep irregular lobes around the edges. They are unequal sided at the base. The flowers are shaped like stars and have 5 joined petals. The flowers can be 5 cm across. They are in clusters at the ends of branches. The flowers are pale purple to white. The stamens are yellow. The fruit are large berries. They can be 3 cm across. They are green to yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing but short lived.

NOTES

There are about 1400 Solanum species. The fruit contain solasodine. It is used in medicine.

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