PLANT FACT SHEET

Mimosa pudica L.

GENUS *Mimosa* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Sensitive plant, Touch-me-not

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Leaves - tea

The flowers are crystallised.
They are also used in the preparation of distilled flower water.

DESCRIPTION

A low spreading shrub. The branches are hairy and prickly. The leaves are sensitive to touch. The leaves are 2.5 cm long and the stalks are grooved and prickly. There re 1-2 pairs of pinnae with 12-20 pairs of leaflets on each. These are 6-8 mm long and 5-6 mm wide. The flowers are in almost round heads. They are yellow on stalks about 2 cm long. The heads are 6-8 mm across. They occur singly or in pairs along the branches. The fruit is a broad, flat, curved pod. It is 12-18 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In China it grows between sea level to 1,500 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

PICTURES



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