PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia multiflora Juss.

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Danglin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The young leaves are cooked and eaten. They can be dried and used as a tea substitute.
The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-2 m tall. The branches are slender and sparsely covered with soft hairs when young. The leaves are oblong and the base is bluntly rounded with 3 veins and rounded toothed edges. The leaves are 6-13.5 cm long by 4.5-11 cm wide. They are dull green above and paler underneath. They have a leaf like appendage at the base of the leaf stem which is without hairs. The flowers are yellowish green. The flowers with stamens are about 1 cm long. They occur in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit are oval and hairless when old. They have 1-4 lobes and are 0.8-1.3 cm across. They are purplish black and the stones have one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow naturally in coastal monsoon vine-forest. They are common in areas of shrub in hill country throughout the Philippines. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In north India plants flower and fruit August to January.

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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