PLANT FACT SHEET

Phragmotheca mammosa W. S. Alverson

GENUS *Phragmotheca* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 27 m tall. The leaf stalks are 7-35 mm long. The leaves are broadly oval and 5-16 cm long by 3-11 cm wide. There can be hairs underneath. The fruit are narrowly oval and 6-9 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The outer layer of the fruit is brown or dark yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows up to 900 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

Also put in the family Bombacaceae. In the subfamily Bombacoideae.

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