PLANT FACT SHEET

Cravenia panduriformis (Burm. f.) McLay & R.L.Barrett

GENUS *Cravenia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow Hibiscus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Seeds, Vegetable

The seeds are mixed with millet and ground into flour.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It has a woody rootstock. It often only has a few erect stems. It grows 2.7 m tall. The branches are densely hairy. Young growth is greyish. The leaves are 4-10 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. They are broadly oval to heart shaped. The leaf stalks are 3-7 cm long. They are dull green and have hairs on both surfaces. There are teeth along the edges. The flowers are 6-9 cm across and bright yellow. They have a dark red blotch at the centre. The flowers occur singly in the axils of the upper leaves. The fruit is a capsule 1.2-1.7 cm long and 1-1.2 cm wide. It is densely hairy. The seeds have short hairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits tropical places. It grows in northern and central Australia. It grows in woodland on heavy soils along stream banks. It needs an open sunny position and well drained soil. It is not very frost tolerant. It grows in savannah areas in West Africa. Bombay.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow rapidly in the wet season.

NOTES

There are about 220 Hibiscus species.

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