PLANT FACT SHEET

Smallanthus fruticosus (Benth.) H. Rob.

GENUS *Smallanthus* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Jicama

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The tubers become sweet when exposed to the sun.

DESCRIPTION

A hairy shrub. It has tubers. The leaves are opposite. The leaf stalks have wings. The flowers are yellow and in heads. The fruit is thick and dry.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 2,500-4,000 m above sea level in the Andes.

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