



PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia tiliifolia Vahl

GENUS *Grewia* FAMILY Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The tender leaves are eaten.

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 5-8 m tall. The young parts are covered with star shaped hairy scales. The leaves are 7-20 cm long by 6-12 cm wide. They are oval with a pointed tip. The two halves of the leaf blade are unequal. The edge has teeth. They are hairy below. The base is rounded or heart shaped. There are 5-7 veins. The fruit are yellowish. They occur in large clusters of 10-12. The fruit is fleshy with a hard covering over the seed. The fruit has 3-4 lobes and is blackish. They are pea sized.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. They are common in Western India. In southern China it grows in open woodland and grassland between 600-1,600 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India plants flower and fruit February to June.

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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