PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Hibiscus vitifolius L.

GENUS *Hibiscus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Tropical rose mallow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A herb or low shrub. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves are alternate and can be simple or have 3-5 lobes. The leaves at the top of the plant are oval. They are 2-15 cm long by 1-18 cm wide. They are hairy and have teeth along the edge. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. They are pale yellow with a dark red spot at the base. They are about 3 cm long. The fruit is a capsule that is a flattened round shape. It is about 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near the edge of dry rainforest.

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