PLANT FACT SHEET

Grewia sclerophylla Roxb. ex G. Don

GENUS *Grewia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.
They are also used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grow to 2 m high. The young parts are covered with short hairs. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are 11-20 cm long by 6-12.5 cm wide. They are oval and with irregular teeth. There are often glands at the tip. The base is rounded and with 3 veins. The flowers are white. The fruit is fleshy and have a hard covering over the seed. It is round and hairy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 400-1500 m altitude. It usually grows in grassland.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE India plants flower and fruit May to September.

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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