

Grewia ferruginea

Tiliaceae

Indigenous

Af: *Fo*
Tg: *Tsenqua*

Bl: *Shehata*
Tr: *Shehat*

Sh: *Sakeho*

Ecology: A widespread shrub found in semi-arid lowland woodland, evergreen bushland and along river banks. In Eritrea, it grows in the central and northern highlands as well as on the eastern and western escarpments, 700-2,300 m, dominantly around Quahaito, Enda-mariam-aila, Mrara, Ghinda, Rora-mensa, Rora-habab and on Mt. Lalimba.

Uses: **Firewood, timber** (local construction, farm tools), bee forage, food (fruit), **fodder** (leaves), rope (bark).

Description: A shrub or small tree to 7 m, young shoots, leaf and flower stalks covered with **red-brown hairs** (ferruginea = rusty). **LEAVES:** Long oval to 13 cm, the tip pointed or rounded, base often rounded to a short stalk, edge toothed, 3 veins from the base, vein network very clear below. **FLOWERS:** Yellow, purple or white, solitary or in **twos or fours, in a terminal head** about 5 cm long, the central flowers opening first, many stamens in the centre, **FRUIT:** In 4 parts, each rounded and fleshy about 5 mm across.

Propagation: Seedlings, wildings.

Seed:

treatment:

storage:

Management:

Remarks: Flowering most of the year it is a good tree for bees. The roots have been used in local medicine against intestinal worms.

