

Botanic name : *Abutilon indicum* (L.) Sweet

Common name : Indian mallow

Family : Malvaceae

Habitat : Terrestrial

Distribution : Tropical, subtropical zone, occurrence in parts of Great Barrier Reef, Islands of Coral Sea

Description : Shrubby, flowers solitary, wavy margin or serrated edged leaves, flowers yellow, fruit rounded, hemispherical in shape with many segments containing few seeds.

Phytochemicals: leaves & roots contain mucilage, tannin, organic acids

Medicinal/Economic uses : Used as demulcent, aphrodisiac, laxative, diuretic, tonic, sedative, reduced piles, toothache, useful in gonorrhoea, gleet, chronic cystitis. Helpful in leprosy. Astringent properties also been reported.