



Puncturevine
Tribulus terrestris

05-0311-11

general
info

This identification card features a green circular icon with a silhouette of a puncturevine plant in the top left corner. The main image shows a close-up of the plant with several red rectangular boxes highlighting specific parts: a stem node, a developing fruit, a mature fruit, and a yellow flower. At the bottom, there are four circular icons: a blue circle, a pink circle, a black circle with a white silhouette of a ship, and an orange circle with a white silhouette of a tractor. To the right of these icons is a large brown circle containing a white question mark, with the words "general" and "info" written above and below the question mark, respectively.



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