PLANT FACT SHEET

Orobanche californica Cham. & Schltdl.

GENUS *Orobanche* **FAMILY** Orobanchaceae

COMMON NAMES California broomrape

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

The underground stems are chewed.

DESCRIPTION

A parasitic plant. It usually grows attached to the roots of plants in the daisy family. It grows 35 cm tall. It does not have leaves or green colouring and takes its nutrients from the other plant. There can be one or several stems. They are purple and covered with hairs. There are several flowers in a group. The flowers are tube shaped and 5 cm long. They are pale pink or purple and the fruit is a capsule with very small seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

NOTES

There are about 140 Orobanche species.

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