PLANT FACT SHEET

Acalypha paniculata Miq.

GENUS *Acalypha* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Panicled acalypha, Odukwe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It grows up to 1.5 m tall. The stems can have hairs. The leaves are oval and 13 cm long. They have 5-9 veins running from the base. The edges can have rounded teeth. The male and female flowers are separate on the same plant. The female flowers are in large branched heads at the top. The male flowers are in spikes in the axils of the leaves. The fruit is 3 mm across and has 3 lobes.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the understorey at low altitudes in evergreen forest between 320-1,220 m above sea level. It tends to grow in arid regions.

NOTES

There are over 450 Acalypha species. They are tropical. There are 225 in tropical America.
It is also used as a medicine.

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