PLANT FACT SHEET

Nerophila senegambiensis (Guill. & Perr.) Ver.-Lib. & R.D.Stone

GENUS *Nerophila* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A partly woody bush. It keeps growing from year to year but puts up annual stems 2 m high. The leaves and stems are hairy. The leaves are simple and oval and taper to the tip. There are 2 strong veins along the leaf. Leaves are green above and more pale underneath. The flowers are purple.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist places and in dry upland bush in West Africa. It grows in palm groves and wet grass savannah.

NOTES

There are 2 or 3 Antherotoma species.

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