PLANT FACT SHEET

Striga asiatica (L.) O. Kuntze

GENUS *Striga* **FAMILY** Orobanchaceae

COMMON NAMES Maize witchweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Leaves - tea

The whole plant is gathered and used for tea. It is also cooked with pork for soup.

DESCRIPTION

A small herb that grows attached to other plants. It grows 10-15 cm high. It has lines of hairs along it. The leaves are small and narrow or like scales. They are 1 cm long by 1-2 mm wide. The flowers are golden, red or white. They occur singly in the axils of leaves.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on exposed grassy slopes. It can grow as a parasite on corn and sugarcane. In Yunnan.

NOTES

It has also been put in the family Scrophulariaceae.

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