PLANT FACT SHEET

Gomphocarpus sinaicus Boiss.

GENUS *Gomphocarpus* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Sinai milkweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sugar

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems are erect and branching. It can grow 1 m tall and be 50 cm wide. The leaves are narrow and sword shaped. The flowers are small and star-shaped and white to pale green. The fruit are balloon-like pods and spiny and have silky seeds.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean plant. It grows in hot dry places. It can grow in arid places and desert.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.
Glycoside sugars occur in this plant.

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