PLANT FACT SHEET

Spermadictyon suaveolens Roxb.

GENUS *Spermadictyon* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The tender leaves and shoots are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows about 2 m high. The leaves have stalks. They are opposite. Leaves are 7-22 cm long by 3-10 cm wide. They are oblong. The flowers are blue and arise from the same point in a branched flower arrangement. The fruit is a capsule. It is oval and has 5 seeds.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 600-2300 m altitude. It grows on open hillsides. It grows on hot and dry ranges.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There is only one Spermadictyon species.

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