PLANT FACT SHEET

Urtica cannabina L.

GENUS *Urtica* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

COMMON NAMES Scorpion plant, Halagai, Hemp-leaved nettle, Kentucky Hemp

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Shoots

The young leaves are used as a vegetable or potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A herb that grows in dense tufts. It keeps growing from year to year and has stinging hairs. It grows 1-2 m high. The stems have ridges. The leaves are oval an 4-13 cm long and wide. The leaves are divided like fingers on a hand. There are a few hairs on both surfaces. The flowers are greenish and of separate sexes on the same plant. They are in a group 12 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Inner Mongolia.

NOTES

It is a widespread weed.

PICTURES



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