PLANT FACT SHEET

Rosettea princeps (Kunth) Ver.-Lib. & G. Kadereit

GENUS *Rosettea* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Royal dissotis

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 2.5 m high and spreads 2 m wide. The stem is erect and slender. It is hairy. The leaves are green and opposite. They are sword shaped and have parallel veins. The flowers are a blue to purple colour. They have 5 petals. They are in clusters at the ends of the branches. There are two varieties.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is best in rich, fertile, moist, well-drained soils. It needs a open shaded position. It is damaged by drought or frost. In Zimbabwe it grows between 1,200-2,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

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