PLANT FACT SHEET

Incarvillea arguta Royle

GENUS *Incarvillea* **FAMILY** Bignoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan gloxinia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pith, Medicine

The pith is eaten raw as a snack in the fields.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves are alternate and compound. They have 5-11 leaflets along the stalk. These are narrowly oval and 3-5 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are pale green underneath. The base is wedge shaped and unequal and there are teeth along the edge. The flowers are tube shaped and red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on slopes and in thickets in southern China between 1,400-2,700 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan. Hobart Botanical gardens.

NOTES

Medicine.

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