PLANT FACT SHEET

Clerodendrum trichotomum Thunb.

GENUS *Clerodendrum* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Chou Wu Tong, Harlequin Glorybower, Harlequin Glory-bower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are eaten or used to wrap food.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 4.5-6 m high. It forms suckers. It has sparse branches and the lower branches droop. The leaves are thin and downy. The flowers are in clusters at the branch tips. They are white but turn pink. The fruit are small and blue. They are cupped in enlarged red calyces.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is frost hardy. It is best in a well-drained, moist soil. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or from cuttings that have a heel.

NOTES

There are about 400 Clerodendrum species.

PICTURES



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