PLANT FACT SHEET

Striga hermonthica (Delile) Benth.

GENUS *Striga* **FAMILY** Orobanchaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple witchweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb. It grows partly on other plants. It has a few branches. It grows 30-40 cm high. It can be 1 m high. The flowers are bright pink.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry grassy areas in West Africa.

NOTES

It has also been out in the family Scrophulariaceae. This is a serious parasitic plant to food crops. It can be controlled in sorghum crops by planting Celosia argentea between the sorghum plants.

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