PLANT FACT SHEET

Nemesia fruticans (Thunb.) Benth.

GENUS *Nemesia* **FAMILY** Scrophulariaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stems

The leaves are cooked as a vegetable. They are added as a relish to porridge.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It is an erect plant. It grows 40-60 cm high. It can have many branches. The stems are angled and red-purple. The leaves are narrow and small and usually opposite. There can be teeth along the edge. The flowers are like snapdragons with 2 lips and a spur. They are 15 mm long. They occur singly in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit are flat capsules. They have 2 chambers and split open to reveal small seeds. Each seed has a membranous wing.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It often grows along streams. It is damaged by frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds. It can also be grown by cuttings.

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