PLANT FACT SHEET

Chloranthus spicatus (Thunb.) Makino

GENUS *Chloranthus* **FAMILY** Chloranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Golden millet orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tea scenting flowers, Spice, Leaves

The flowers are used to scent tea. The petals are removed. (Chu-lan-cha)
It has occasionally been used as a spice.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. The leaves are opposite and have teeth around the edge. They are oval or sword shaped and taper to the tip. The leaves are fragrant. The flowers are in spikes. They are greenish white and at the ends of branches. The fruit are white berries with black spots. The small flowers look like millet and smell like cymbidiums.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the subtropics.

NOTES

It is indigenous to Thailand.

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