PLANT FACT SHEET

Caralluma europaea (Gussone) N. E. Br.

GENUS *Caralluma* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - drink, Stems

DESCRIPTION

A small clump forming succulent plant. It grows 15 cm high and spreads 20-30 cm wide. The stems are 4 angled and grey-green. These have maroon spots. The flowers occur in groups of up to 10. They are hairy and yellow with a maroon band.

HABITAT

A subtropical and tropical plant. It grows in dry rocky habitats. It is best in a light to medium well-drained soil. It needs a sheltered shaded position. It is damaged by drought or frost. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 56-100 Caralluma species. These are sometimes put in the Asclepiadaceae.

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