PLANT FACT SHEET

Persicaria coccinea (Muhl. ex Willd.) Greene

GENUS *Persicaria* **FAMILY** Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Water smartweed, Scarlet smartweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 50 cm tall. The leaves are simple and alternate. The flowers are pink to red. They are crowded into a group. They are fused into a tube. The fruit are dry and 2-3 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows near swamps and wetlands.

NOTES

There are about 50 Polygonum species.

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