PLANT FACT SHEET

Lepidium apetalum Willd.

GENUS *Lepidium* **FAMILY** Brassicaceae

COMMON NAMES Du xing cai

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers, Root

The leaves are cooked in water and eaten.
The young roots are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A cabbage family herb. It can grow for one or two years. It grows 30 cm high. It has many branches. The lower leaves near the base are divided in short narrow lobes. They are 3-5 cm long by 1 cm wide. The upper leaves are narrow. The flowers are in groups or 20-30. The flowers are small. They have almost no petals.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical to temperate plant. In Yunnan. In Sichuan.

NOTES

There are about 150 Lepidium species.

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