PLANT FACT SHEET

Amaranthus macrocarpus Benth.

GENUS *Amaranthus* **FAMILY** Amaranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Desert amaranth

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It grows 50 cm high and spreads 30 cm wide. The stem is erect and stout. The leaves are oval and entire and taper to the tip. They occur one after another in an alternate fashion. The flowers are very small. They are in clusters in the axils of the leaves.

HABITAT

It grows in inland Australia. It needs well-drained soils and an open sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 60 Amaranthus species.

PICTURES



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