PLANT FACT SHEET

Pollichia campestris Aiton

GENUS *Pollichia* **FAMILY** Caryophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Waxberry, Barley sugar bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit, Leaves

The fruit and flowers are eaten raw. It is the fleshy part of the flower that is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It has many branches. It grows 60 cm tall. The young branches have a white woolly covering. The leaves are grey-green. They are 1-3 cm long by 0.5 cm wide. They are narrowly sword shaped. The flowers are in groups of 5. The petals are white. The fruit is a capsule 1.3 mm long by 0.7 mm wide. There is usually one seed 0.8 mm long by 0.5 mm wide. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in open bushland on sandy soils. It grows in hot arid areas with a marked dry season. It grows in deep well-drained soils. It grows from sea level to 1,700 m altitude. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

Also put in the family Illecebraceae.

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