PLANT FACT SHEET

Euphorbia striata Thunb.

GENUS *Euphorbia* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Milkweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots - flavouring

The edible parts are added to sour milk to give it flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has a woody rootstock. The stems are soft and leafy. These are 50 cm high. The leaves on the stem do not have stalks. The leaves are erect and narrow. They are 4 cm long by 3 mm wide and are pointed. The flowers are at the top of the branches. There are 3 or 4 slender flowering shoots in a loose cluster. The leaves near the flowers are broad and almost kidney shaped. The fruit is 3 angled and slightly rough. It is 3 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot dry places often with a marked dry season. It grows between 15-2,590 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

Caution: It can irritate the skin.

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