PLANT FACT SHEET

Acalypha lanceolata Willd.

GENUS *Acalypha* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It grows 50 cm tall. The young branches have yellow-brown hairs. The leaves are oval and 4-8 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped and it tapers to the tip. The flowers are in groups of 1-3 in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a capsule with 3 sections. It is 2.5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In southern China it grows near sea level to 100 m above sea level.

NOTES

It has medicinal uses.

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