PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyanotis cristata (L.) D. Don

GENUS *Cyanotis* **FAMILY** Commelinaceae

COMMON NAMES Petungan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves and tips are steamed and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An annual creeping herb. It is 15-30 cm long. The leaves are oblong and do not have a leaf stalk. They are 5-10 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. The flowers are blue and in clusters near the ends of branches. The fruit are 3 sided capsules. They usually have 6 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows by streams in ravines or open humid places from near sea level to 2000 m in southern China. It is best in a rich, well-drained soil. It needs a protected, shaded position. It is damaged by drought or frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows slowly.

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