PLANT FACT SHEET

Medicago laciniata (L.) Miller

GENUS *Medicago* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Cut-leaved medick

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

The plant was mixed with sugar and boiled water to make a tea like drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It is an annual plant. The stems branch at the base. They lie along the ground. The leaves are compound with 3 toothed leaflets. These are hairy underneath. The leaflets are 6-12 mm long by 2-5 mm wide. The flowers are small and yellow. They are pea like. The fruit is a pod that is like a spiny ball. It has 5-7 coils. There are 8-10 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in sandy or gravelly soils. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 250-900 mm. It grows between sea level to 2,100 m above sea level. It can grow in alkaline and salty soils. It can grow in arid places.

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