PLANT FACT SHEET

Euphorbia parviflora L.

GENUS *Euphorbia* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

Caution: All Euphorbias or spurges have irritating sap and many have chemicals that can cause cancer. The leaves and tender shoots are edible.

DESCRIPTION

An annual plant with bristles or soft hairs. It is usually with many branches from the base. The branches can be 40 cm long and can be simple or forked and reddish or purple. The leaves are opposite, in two ranks, and oblong. A ring of bracts around the flower can be green or purple, about 1 mm long and very dense and numerous. The capsules are broadly oval and 1.5 mm long, hairy and 3 angled.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. The plant is found often in open waste places throughout the Philippines.

NOTES

There are about 2000 Euphorbia species. Most Euphorbias have sap which irritates the skin.

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