PLANT FACT SHEET

Mesosphaerum pectinatum (L.) Kuntze

GENUS *Mesosphaerum* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Comb hyptis, Comb bushmint

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Plant, Leaves, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A herb which keeps growing from year to year. It is 2 m high and stiffly erect. The stems are 4-angled. The leaves occur opposite one another on slender stalks and are 12 cm long. They have irregular teeth around the edge. The flower is a compound one at the end of the plant. The fruit is composed of 4 nutlets each about 1 mm long. They are smooth and black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Fiji it grows from sea level to 200 m altitude.

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