PLANT FACT SHEET

Thunbergia lancifolia T. Anders

GENUS *Thunbergia* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue thunbergia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers - nectar, Vegetable

The young leaves are cooked and eaten.
Flowers are sucked for their sweetness.

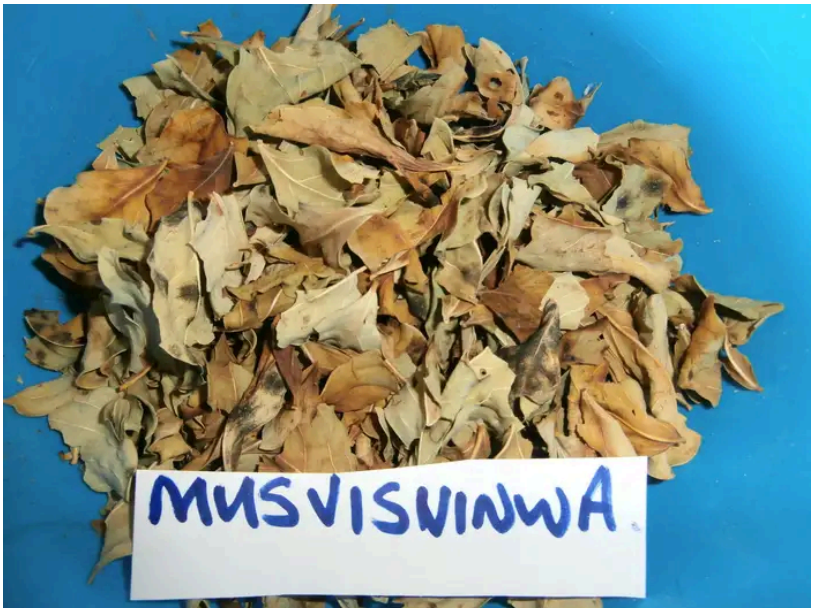
DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has an erect stem 60-90 cm high. It has a woody rhizome. The leaves vary from narrow to more broadly oval. The flowers are tube shaped. They are blue with an orange-yellow throat. The fruit is a capsule and covered with fine hairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Malawi it grows at high altitude. It grows in dry savannah that is burnt often. It also grows in open woodland. It grows between 1,000-1,800 m above sea level.

PICTURES



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