PLANT FACT SHEET

Osbeckia chinensis L.

GENUS *Osbeckia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine, Plants - drink

DESCRIPTION

A small erect shrub. It grows 1 m tall. The stems are hairy and 4 sided. The leaves are broadly oval or sword shaped. They are 1.8-3.2 cm long by 0.8-1.2 cm wide. There are slight teeth along the edge. The leaf stalks are 1-2 mm long. The flowers have 5 petals. They are pink or pale purple. The fruit are 7 mm across and 6 mm long. They are purplish red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Taiwan it grows in grassland and at the edges of forests from sea level to 1,600 m altitude. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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