PLANT FACT SHEET

Rorippa indica (L.) Hiern

GENUS *Rorippa* **FAMILY** Brassicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The tender shoots and leaves are cooked as a vegetable. The harvested leaves can be stored for 4-5 days.

DESCRIPTION

A cabbage family herb. It is an annual plant. It grows to 50 cm high. The leaves near the base are divided into lobes along the stalk. The lobes have teeth. For the leaves on the stem the largest lobe is at the end. The flowers are yellow. They occur in long stalks with many small flowers. The fruit is a pod. It is narrow and like a cylinder.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In the Philippines it grows in Luzon and Bontoc. It grows in roadsides, field margins, gardens, river banks; near sea level to 3200 m altitude in China. In Nepal it grows between 1500-2000 m altitude. It grows in moist places. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 70 Rorippa species.

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