PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Monechma genistifolium* (Engl.) C. B. Clarke

**GENUS** *Monechma* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** flower - nectar

## DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows up to 1 m high. The branches have a grey covering or woolly hairs. The leaves are narrow and opposite. They are 3 cm long. They are bright green. The flowers are small and occur singly. They are white with purple veins. They are in the axils of leaves and occur singly. The fruit is a capsule.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in well drained rocky and sandy soils. It grows between 500-1,600 m altitude in southern Africa. It can grow in arid places.

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