PLANT FACT SHEET

Floscopa scandens Lour.

GENUS *Floscopa* **FAMILY** Commelinaceae

COMMON NAMES Mini bamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves have been reported as eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A creeping leafy herb, like wandering Jew. The stems lie on the ground and root at the nodes. The tips of the branches bend upwards to 20-50 cm height. The leaves are narrow and sword shaped and 4-8 cm long. They are pointed towards the tip. The flowers are small, green and covered with hairs. They are 4-5 cm long. The petals are blue. The fruit or capsule has 2 sections. There is one seed in each section. The seeds are about 2 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist places and near swamps at low altitudes. It is sometimes common in sago swamps. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It grows wild from seeds or pieces of the stem.

NOTES

There are about 20 Floscapa species. They are tropical.

PICTURES



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