PLANT FACT SHEET

Dendrobium nobile Lindl

GENUS *Dendrobium* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems, Flowers, Stems - tea

The stems are used for a tea substitute and for liquor brewing.

DESCRIPTION

An orchid. The stems are erect. They are 10-60 cm long. The base is fleshy. The leaves are 6-11 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. They have a clasping sheath. The flowering stems arise from old stems. There are 1-4 flowers. The flowers are large and white.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on tree trunks in mountain forests and on rocks in mountain valleys between 500-1,700 m above sea level in southern China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

It is also used in medicine.

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