PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Indigofera linnaei Ali

GENUS *Indigofera* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Birdsville Indigo, Nine-leaved Indigo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

Caution:

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub which lies along the ground and spreads 1-1.5 m wide. The branches are 4 angled and grey. The leaves are compound. The plant is hairy. The leaves have 5-9 leaflets. The leaflets are 14 mm long and 2-8 mm wide. The flowers are in clusters in the axils of leaves. The flower standard is red. The pod is straight and cylinder shaped. It is 5 mm long with 2 seeds.

Possibly now Indigofera tsiangiana Metcalf.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 500-700 Indigofera species. They grow in the tropics and subtropics.
The plant causes illness in horses.

There is some confusion over the names.

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