PLANT FACT SHEET

Rivea hypocrateriformis (Desr.) Choisy

GENUS *Rivea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Midnapore creeper, Clove scented creeper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Flowers

The young leaves and shoots are eaten as a vegetable.
They are boiled with chili peppers or salt to add flavour.
The fruit are eaten cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A climber. It is twining. The stem have silky hairs. The leaves are 3-4 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They are heart shaped. The leaf stalks are 6 cm long. The flowers can occur singly or in groups in the axils of leaves. They are white and 7 cm across. The fruit is a cone shaped capsule. It is 1.5 cm long by 1 cm wide. There are about 4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows along the edges of fields and roadsides. It grows in dry evergreen and deciduous forests. It grows up to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India the fruit are available August to November.

NOTES

There are 3 Rivea species.

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