PLANT FACT SHEET

Erucastrum austroafricanum Al-Shehbaz & Warwick

GENUS *Erucastrum* **FAMILY** Brassicaceae

COMMON NAMES Sepaile

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are eaten as a green vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It is erect and branched and grows 60 cm tall. The stems have lines along them and are whitish with rough hairs. It has a long stout taproot and a ring of leaves at the base. These are large and deeply lobed. The leaves on the stems have shallow lobes or teeth. The flowers are yellow and 6-8 mm long. They are in dense clusters at the top of the plant. The fruit is long and narrow and curved. It has a beak at the end. The seeds are small and brown. They have a rough surface.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

It can be a troublesome weed.

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