PLANT FACT SHEET

Schwenckia americana L.

GENUS *Schwenckia* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

Caution: There are reports that the plant can damage red blood cells.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb or small shrub. It grows 1 m tall. It is woody at the base. The leaves are alternate. The leaves are 4 cm long by 2.5 cm wide. The upper leaves are smaller. The flowers are white and at the top of the stem.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in savannah woodland, palm groves and wet grass savannah. It grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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