PLANT FACT SHEET

Ludwigia adscendens subsp. diffusa (Forssk.) Raven

GENUS *Ludwigia* **FAMILY** Onagraceae

COMMON NAMES Creeping ludwigia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A creeping herb. It has stems that form roots at the nodes. It has pneumatophores or breathing roots at the ends of floating stems. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems are often purple-red. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped. They are shiny dark green. The flowers occur singly in the axils of the upper leaves. They are pale yellow with a dark spot at the base of the petals. The fruit is a capsule. It is light brown with 10 dark brown ribs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in wet places along rivers and lakes. It can grow up to 1,900 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 80 Ludwigia species. They grow in the tropics.

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