PLANT FACT SHEET

Microloma saggitatum (L.) R. Br.

GENUS *Microloma* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Pink kannetjies

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Pods, flower - nectar

The sweet nectar is sucked out of the flower.
The young fruit capsules are eaten fresh or cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A twining herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It has slender stems with milky latex. The leaves are narrow and opposite. They are arrow shaped and 2.5 cm long. The flowers are small and pink. The young fruit capsules are in pairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in semi-desert places. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

Sometimes also put in the family Aslepiadaceae

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