PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhopalephora vitiensis (Seem.) Faden

GENUS *Rhopalephora* **FAMILY** Commelinaceae

COMMON NAMES Thomboi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

The leaves are used to flavour shellfish soup.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It lies along the ground near the base but the branches bend upwards. They are 10-60 cm high. The flowers are white or pale blue.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Fiji it grows from sea level to 500 m altitude. It grows in openings in forests and in swampy pastures.

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