PLANT FACT SHEET

Drosera indica L.

GENUS *Drosera* **FAMILY** Droseraceae

COMMON NAMES Sundew, Indian Sundew, Insect eating plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap, Plant - tea

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It can be 30-50 cm tall. It can be erect or trailing. It grows as an annual. The leaves are long and thin. They are yellowish green and the edges are sometimes rolled inwards. They have sticky hairs. Leaves are 5-12 cm long. The flowers are white or pink. They are 2 cm across. The fruit is a capsule.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and warm temperate areas. It grows in wet soggy soils. In West Africa it is in wet grassland savannah. In China it grows from sea level to 600 m altitude in southern China. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-12.

PRODUCTION

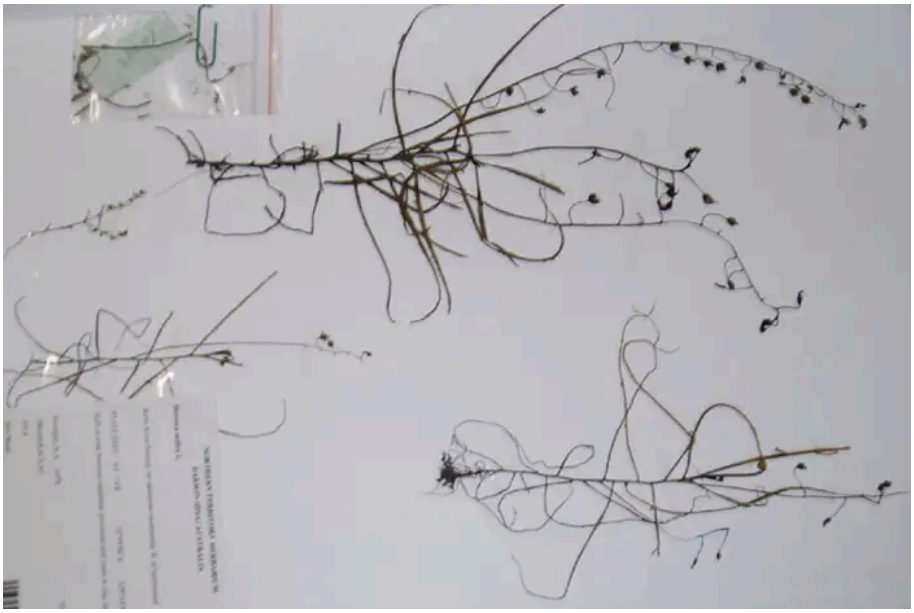
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or stem cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 90-120 Drosera species.

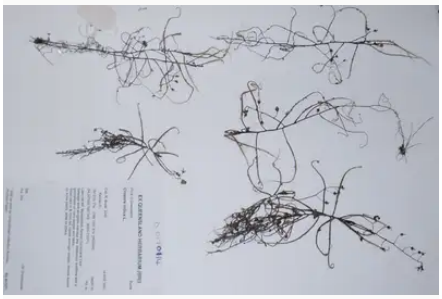
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