PLANT FACT SHEET

Hemiboea bicornuta (Hayata) Ohwi

GENUS *Hemiboea* **FAMILY** Gesneriaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - medicine

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has stems 20-100 cm long. It keeps growing from year to year and has runners. The leaves are opposite and simple. They are 7-20 cm long by 3-5 cm wide and on leaf stalks 2-6 cm long. The flowers occur in groups of 3 or more. The fruit is a capsule which is narrow and slightly curved. It is 2.2-2.5 cm long and 3-4 mm wide. The seeds are narrow and 0.5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Taiwan it grows at low to medium altitudes on the edges of moist forests and near streams. It grows between 300-2,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from a leaf cutting with the leaf stalk intact.

NOTES

There are 23 Hemiboea species. They are mostly in China and Japan.

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