PLANT FACT SHEET

Gypsophila oldhamiana Miquel

GENUS *Gypsophila* **FAMILY** Caryophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Manchurian baby's breath, Pink baby's breath

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young shoots are used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows up to 60-100 cm tall. It has a stout rootstock. The leaves are greyish-blue. The leaves are opposite and have short leaf stalks. They are broadly sword shaped and 3-7 cm long by 4-15 mm wide. There are many small flowers that are lilac-pink. These occur at the ends of the branches.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in scrub, mountain slope grasslands, rocks, maritime sands from sea level to 2000 m. altitude in China.

NOTES

It is used in medicine. It is cultivated as an ornamental. There are about 100 Gypsophila species.

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