PLANT FACT SHEET

Cleome schimperi Pax

GENUS *Cleome* **FAMILY** Cleomaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows each year from seeds. It is low growing. It can be 60 cm tall. The stem is covered with hairs. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaflets are narrowly oval and 2.2 cm long by 0.8 cm wide. They are hairy. The flower petals are pale pink. The fruit capsule is 1.7-3.5 cm long. The seeds are dark brown with ridges and are 1.8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows at higher altitudes between 1,000-2,000 m altitude.

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