PLANT FACT SHEET

Catharanthus pusillus (Murray) G. Don

GENUS *Catharanthus* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Tiny periwinkle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

CAUTION: The plant is poisonous unless treated.

DESCRIPTION

An erect annual herb. It grows 10-20 cm tall. The branches are 4 sided. They spread from the base. The plant has milky sap. The leaves are opposite and sword shaped. They are 3-8 cm long. The edges are rough. The leaf base narrow to a tiny stalk. The flowers are small and flat. They are 6-8 mm across with 5 white petals. They are in the axils of the upper leaves. The seed pod is slender. It is 3-5 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 6-8 Catharanthus species. They originally came from Madagascar.

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