PLANT FACT SHEET

Scutellaria indica L.

GENUS *Scutellaria* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Han xin cao

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A shrub which keeps growing from year to year. The stems are dark purple. It is 8-28 cm tall. It is hairy. The leaf stalk is 0.4-1.4 cm long. The leaf blade is 0.8-2.6 cm long by 0.8-2.3 cm wide. The edges of the leaf are uneven. The flowers are at the ends of the branches. The flower stalks are 2-8 cm long. The flowers are purple. The nutlets are dark brown.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It grows on hillsides and grasslands in open places to 1500 m altitude in China. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

NOTES

There are about 350 Scutellaria species.

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