PLANT FACT SHEET

Salpianthus purpurascens (Cav. ex Lag) Hook. & Arn.

GENUS *Salpianthus* **FAMILY** Nyctaginaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are eaten as a leafy green vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It grows 50 cm tall. The leaves are alternate and 1.5-16 cm long by 1.5-12 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 20-1,300 m above sea level.

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