PLANT FACT SHEET

Zaleya decandra (L.) Burm.f.

GENUS *Zaleya* **FAMILY** Aizoaceae

COMMON NAMES Many stamen horse purslane

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are eaten as a vegetable. They are fried.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is succulent and lies along the ground. The stems are long, angular and branched. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are 2-4 cm long by 1-2 cm wide and unequal. The flowers are 4 mm across and without petals. They are in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a 4 seeded capsule. It is 4.5 mm long. It has a cap that opens releasing the seeds. The seeds are kidney shaped and 1.5 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near Mumbai. It grows in wet places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Harvested leaves can only be stored for a few days.

NOTES

Medicine - diabetes.

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