PLANT FACT SHEET

Geranium incanum subsp. nyassense Burm. f., (Kunth) Laundon

GENUS *Geranium* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

COMMON NAMES Carpet geranium

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

DESCRIPTION

A small creeping herb. It can lie along the ground or have branches that curve upwards. The leaves are feathery and silvery green. The leaves have 3-7 lobes. The leaves are divided near the base and have long sword shaped segments. They are hairy. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. The flowers are mauve or white with darker veins. The fruit is smooth and hairy with a beak. It is 13-27 mm long. Older leaves turn orange-red.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in dry soil. It grows between 900-2,600 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants usually seed freely. It can be grown from cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

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