PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Polygala paniculata L.

GENUS *Polygala* **FAMILY** Polygalaceae

COMMON NAMES Island snake root

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows each year from seed. It grows 10-50 cm tall. The tap root is yellow and has a scent. The leaves are 1-2 cm long and 2-4 mm wide. They are in rings of 5. The flowers are small and white. They are in groups at the ends of branches that are 2-10 cm long. The fruit is oblong. The seed have dense white hairs.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 2,300 m above sea level.

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