PLANT FACT SHEET

Asystasia intrusa (Forssk.) Blume

GENUS *Asystasia* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Ganges primrose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 20-30 cm tall. The stems can be erect or straggling. They are 4 sided in cross section. The nodes are 10-15 cm apart. The leaves are opposite and triangle shaped. They are 3-7 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The flowers are tube shaped and 1.5 cm long. They have purple marks. The flowers are on one side of the 10 cm long flower stalk. The fruit is a dry capsule.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds. It can be grown by layering or cuttings.

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