PLANT FACT SHEET

Indigofera hilaris N. E. Br.

GENUS *Indigofera* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Red indigo bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Roots

The leaves are dried and used for tea.
The roots are eaten as a relish.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 30 m high. It grows from a woody rootstock. It has many branches from the base. The stems are slender and dark reddish-brown. They are hairy. There are grooves along them. The leaves are compound with leaflets along the stalk. There are 5 closely set leaflets that are folded and opposite. They are hairy on both surfaces. The flowers are small and 4-6 mm long and a light red colour. The fruit is a pod that is slender and erect. The pod is 10-14 mm long by 1.3 mm wide. There are 4-6 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It can grow in arid places. It suits the seasonally dry tropics. It grows between 1,000-2,200 m above sea level in areas with a rainfall of 100-130 cm.

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