PLANT FACT SHEET

Scaevola taccada (Gaertn.) Roxb.

GENUS *Scaevola* **FAMILY** Goodeniaceae

COMMON NAMES Fan flower, Sea Lettuce

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are used to wrap food in earth ovens. The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.
The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub with many branches. It grows 3 m high. The wood is soft and pale green. The leaves are glossy and oblong. They are thick and leathery. They are rounded at the tip and narrow at the base. They are 5-20 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. They are white and paper like and have 5 lobes. These are about 1 cm long. The flowering groups are 2-5 cm long. The fruit is round and 1 cm long. It is white and fleshy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur on tropical seashores. It needs sandy, well-drained soils. It needs full sun. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from fresh seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 100 Scaevola species.

PICTURES



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