PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea sinensis (Desr.) Choisy

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple-throat Ipomoea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root

The root is cooked as a vegetable.
The leaves are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A slender trailing or twining annual herb. It grows 1 m long. The leaves are oval and 2-10 cm long by 2-7 cm wide. They are heart shaped at the base. There are 1-3 flowers in a group. The fruit capsule is round and 5-10 mm across. The seeds are hairy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Africa it grows between 450-900 m above sea level. It grows in grassland and sandy soils.

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