PLANT FACT SHEET

Barleria cristata L.

GENUS *Barleria* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Crested philippine violet

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

It is used as a fermenting substrate for wine.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It grows 2 m tall. The stems and branches are hairy. The leaves are narrowly oval to oblong and 2-10 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. The flowers are in short dense groups in the axils of leaves. They are purplish blue. The fruit is narrowly oval capsule. It is 2 cm long. There are 4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on slopes and along streams between 100-2,600 m above sea level in southern China. In XTBG Yunnan. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

It is used as medicine.

PICTURES



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