PLANT FACT SHEET

Ruellia diversifolia S. Moore

GENUS *Ruellia* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems are white and woody. The leaves have a smell. The leaves are pale green and hairy. They have sticky glands. It grows up to 1.2 m high. The flowers are tube shaped and vary in colour. They can be pink, red, or yellow.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in places with a marked dry season. It suits hot arid areas. It grows on slopes and in deserts and in southern Africa grows between 350-1,850 m above sea level. It can tolerate shade. It is often in dry riverbeds. It can grow in arid places.

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