PLANT FACT SHEET

Leucas lavandulifolia Smith

GENUS *Leucas* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Line leaf leucas

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: leaves - condiment, Spice

The plant is used as a flavouring. The leaves are eaten as a pot-herb.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is erect and an annual plant. It grows up to 1 m high. It has a bad smell. The small branches are hairy. The leaf blades have almost no leaf stalks. The blades are narrowly sword shaped and 4-9 cm long by 0.5 cm wide. There can be small teeth along the edge. The flowers are in groups of 3-30 in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit are oblong small nuts about 2.5 mm long by 1 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits drier areas. In Fiji it grows near sea level. In south China it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 100 Leucas species.

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