PLANT FACT SHEET

Murdannia loriformis (Hassk.) R.S.Rao & Kammathy

GENUS *Murdannia* **FAMILY** Commelinaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild leek

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots gathered before flowering are used in soups or as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A small annual herb. It is 20-30 cm high. The leaves near the base are narrow and 10 cm long by 5 mm wide. The leaves on the stem are sword shaped and 2-4 cm long by 5-7 mm wide. The flowers are bright blue and in groups at the ends of stems. The fruit is a capsule 3 mm across.

HABITAT

It grows in lawns and gardens.

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