PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynanchum virens Steud.

GENUS *Cynanchum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Roots

CAUTION:
The roots are cooked and eaten.
The leaves are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A tall slender climber. The stems are twining. The leaves have long stalks. The leaves are simple, opposite and heart shaped. They can have a few hairs. There are 3-15 flowers in a group in the axils of leaves. The flowers are small and 5 mm long. They are white. The fruit is a long smooth follicle that tapers into a beak.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 150 Cynanchum species.

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