PLANT FACT SHEET

Convolvulus erubescens Sims

GENUS *Convolvulus* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Blushing bindweed, Australian Bindweed, Pink Bindweed, Tarook

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root

The taproot is roasted and eaten. It is fibrous and not very tasty.

DESCRIPTION

A hairy twiner. It grows 10-30 cm high and spreads 50 cm wide. The stems are hairy. The leaves are arrowhead shaped. They are 5 cm long. Often the leaves near the base have broad lobes and those higher up are more narrow. There can be teeth along the edge. The flowers are bright rose-pink. They are 15-25 mm across. They are held upright along the stems. The flowers are funnel shaped. The fruit is a capsule about 0.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It grows in subtropical and temperate places. It grows in open places from coastal heathland to forest and inland areas. It needs well drained soil. It suits hot sunny positions. It often grows in dry open grassland. It is resistant to drought and frost. It can grow in arid places. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

There are about 250 Convolvulus species. Plants have been used in medicine.
Possibly now Convolvulus angustissimus subsp. angustissimus

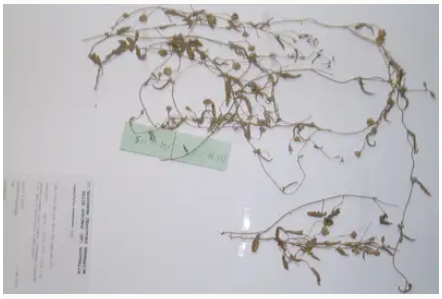
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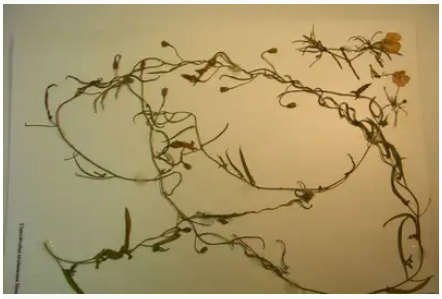
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