PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Dicoma tomentosa* Cass.

**GENUS** *Dicoma* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Medicine

## DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 60 cm tall. It usually grows each year from seed. It has a woody base. The stems have a cottony coating. The leaves are narrow. They are 12-16 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flowers are in spiny heads and are pale pink.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry grasslands and seasonally dry areas.

## NOTES

It is used as an anti-malarial.

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