PLANT FACT SHEET

Dentella repens (L.) J. R. Forst. & G. Forst.

GENUS *Dentella* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A spreading annual herb. It lies along the ground and spreads 0.5 m wide. The stems root at the nodes. The leaves are 0.6-1 cm long by 0.2-0.3 cm wide. They are bright green. The flowers are about 1 cm across and like tubes. They are white and grow in the axils of leaves. They occur singly and are without stalks. They have 5 lobes. The fruit is a round capsule which is green.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits tropical and subtropical locations. It grows along stream banks and flood plains near coasts in northern Australia. It needs an open sunny position.

PRODUCTION

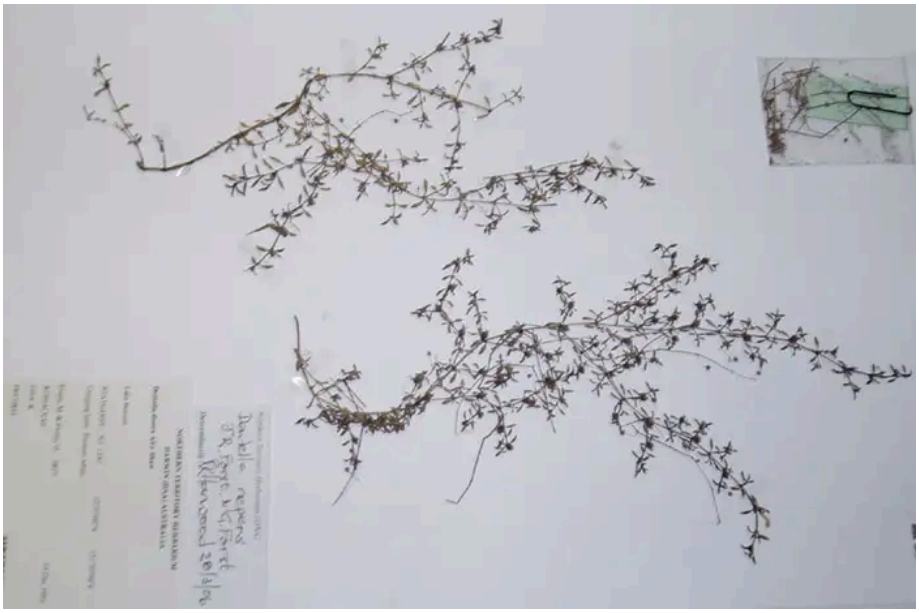
Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or cuttings.

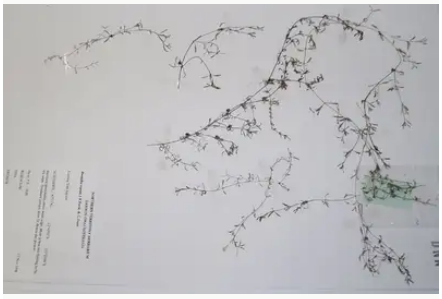
NOTES

There are about 10 Dentella species. It is used in medicine.

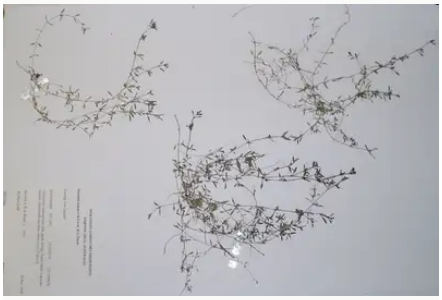
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