PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Asclepias curassavica L.

GENUS *Asclepias* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Butterweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flavouring

Caution: The plant is poisonous.
It is used to flavour tortillas in Mexico.

DESCRIPTION

An erect small shrub. It grows 60-90 cm high. The leaves are 13 cm long. They are narrowly oval and taper at both ends. The flowers are in clusters at the ends of branches. These are 5-10 cm across. They are orange and red. The fruit are spindle shaped pods.

HABITAT

It needs subtropical climates. It suits hardiness zones 8-11. In XTBG Yunnan. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

PICTURES



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