PLANT FACT SHEET

Melampodium divaricatum (Rich. ex Rich.) DC.

GENUS *Melampodium* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Butter daisy

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower

The flower petals are used as a source of carotenoids for the food industry.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows each year from seed. The leaves are bright green. They are arranged opposite and are 6-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The edges are irregular. The flowers are small and daisy like and 3 cm across. They occur singly on stalks 2-3 cm long. These are in the axils of leaves.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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