PLANT FACT SHEET

Acalypha caturus Blume

GENUS *Acalypha* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Joseph's coat

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable, Fruit

The leaves are steamed and eaten.
The fruit are also cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows about 4 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The young branches have a grey coating. The leaves are heart shaped and 8-20 cm long by 5-12 cm wide. The male and female flowers are on different flower spikes. The flowers are in the axils of the leaves. The female flower spikes are 5-6 cm long. The fruit is a 3 lobed capsule. The seeds are about 1.5 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open places in forests. It grows below 100-200 m above sea level. It is usually in seasonally dry climates. It grows on limestone.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are over 450 Acalypha species. They are tropical. There are 225 in tropical America.

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