PLANT FACT SHEET

Monsonia angustifolia E. Mey. ex A. Rich.

GENUS *Monsonia* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

COMMON NAMES Hombo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are added to maize porridge.
They are also used in beers.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It lies along the ground. It grows 50 cm high. The stems are branched and reddish-purple. They are hairy. The leaves are narrowly oblong. There are irregular teeth along the edge. The flowers usually occur singly. They are white or pink with dark blue veins. The fruit is made up or 5 carpels with one seed each. The seeds are pale brown.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places. It grows in well-drained soil. It grows between 800-2,300 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

The seeds are often gathered by ants.

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