PLANT FACT SHEET

Portulaca tuberosa Roxb.

GENUS *Portulaca* **FAMILY** Portulacaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Root

The roots are eaten raw.
It is eaten as a pot herb.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It lies along the ground and keeps growing from year to year. It branches and is fleshy. The branches are 4-15 cm long and 2-3 mm wide. The roots have tubers. They are 5-8 cm long. The leaves are alternate and do not have stalks. They are 8-14 mm long by 1-1.5 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rocky areas. In India it is use in western Rajasthan.

NOTES

There are about 200 Portulaca species. They are mostly in the tropics and subtropics.

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