PLANT FACT SHEET

Thunbergia grandiflora (Roxburgh) Roxburgh

GENUS *Thunbergia* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue trumpet vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers - drink, Flowers, Leaves, Vegetable

The leaves are cooked as a vegetable and eaten.
The harvested leaves can be stored for 4-5 days.
The flowers are fried with dry fish. They are also used for a tea drink.

DESCRIPTION

A woody vine. The stems can be 4 cm across. The young stems are hairy. It has underground runners. The leaves have leaf stalks. The leaf blades are oval and 1-2 times as long as wide. They usually have lobes spread out like fingers on a hand. The flowering clusters can be in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. They hang in groups 2 m long. They are light blue.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Costa Rica it grows from sea level to 1,400 m altitude. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed, air-layering, or cuttings of mature stems of the current year's growth.

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