PLANT FACT SHEET

Penthorum chinense Pursh.

GENUS *Penthorum* **FAMILY** Penthoraceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese ditch-stonecrop

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoot are used as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A herb that keeps growing from year to year. It has runners. It grows 15-80 cm high. The runners are like wire and are red. They are 6-10 cm long. The stems emerge from the end of these runners. They lie along the ground at the base. They are purple-red. The leaves are sword shaped and 4-11 cm long by 1 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and yellowish-green.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In China it grows between 100-2,200 m above sea level. It grows in wet places. It grows in wetlands. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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