PLANT FACT SHEET

Hydrilla verticillata (L.f.) Royle

GENUS *Hydrilla* **FAMILY** Hydrocharitaceae

COMMON NAMES Hydrilla, Water thyme

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A plant which grows under water. The stem is much branched. It is 15-30 cm long. The leaves are carried in rings. They are light green and sword shaped. They are 1-2 cm long by 0.2-0.5 cm wide. The leaves have fine teeth along the edge. These teeth allow light through. The leaves can have reddish-brown dashes. It develops white corms on the stolons in the soil.

HABITAT

It grows in warmer places in slow moving streams and lakes. It can grow in water 3-5 m deep. It is used as an aquarium plant. In Pakistan it grows to 2,000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It mostly grows from stem fragments and stem tubers.

NOTES

There is only one Hydrilla species. It is used in aquaria and eaten by fish. It can be invasive. It is high in Vitamin B12.

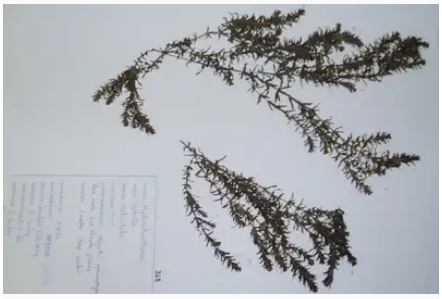
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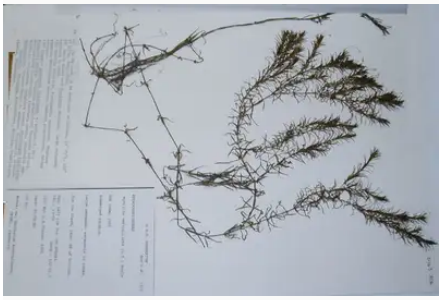
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