PLANT FACT SHEET

Trifolium subterraneum L.

GENUS *Trifolium* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Subterranean clover

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

CAUTION: These leaves can have significant levels or hormones (Oestrogens).

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It grows along the ground. It is often hairy. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The leaflet colour and shape can vary. They can have dark or white marks like a crescent or spots. The leaflets tend to be round and broader at the end with a notch. The lower surface is more hairy. The flowers occur in groups or 3 or 4. They are creamy-white. These are in the axils of stems. The flowers droop downwards when mature. The flowers develop a burr which is forced towards the soil. It gets buried in the soil.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. Tasmania Herbarium.

NOTES

There are about 240 Trifolium species. They are mostly temperate.

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