PLANT FACT SHEET

Pogonospermum divaricatum (Licht. ex Roem. & Schult.) I. Dargysh. & Kiel

GENUS *Pogonospermum* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Wilde lusern

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A slender erect herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 20-100 cm high. The leaves are in pairs and are well spaced. The leaves are narrow and sword shaped and 2 cm long by 5 mm wide. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. Flowers usually occur singly. The fruit are 6 mm long and pointed. They are slightly downy.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows between 100-1,850 m altitude in southern Africa. It can grow in arid places. It suits the seasonally dry troics.

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