PLANT FACT SHEET

Alternanthera brasiliana (L.) Kuntze

GENUS *Alternanthera* **FAMILY** Amaranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Brazil chaff-flower, Brazilian joyweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Leaves

The leaves are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows about 60-150 cm high. It is branched. It has swollen nodes. Young leaves are hairy. The leaves are oval to sword shaped and 5-12.5 cm long by 1.5-4.7 cm wide. The leaves can be red. The flowers are in a group at the top of the plant. These are 2-16 cm long. The flowers are in heads 1 cm long. The seeds are red or brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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