PLANT FACT SHEET

Begonia hirtella Link

GENUS *Begonia* **FAMILY** Begoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Hirtella begonia, Brazilian begonia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 90 cm tall. It has soft succulent stems. The leaves are oval and oblique. They are 3-10 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. They have shallow lobes along the edge. There are blunt teeth along the edge. They are dark green above and paler green underneath. The leaf stalks are pale pink and 9 cm long. The flowers are in groups and are white with red tinges. The fruit are oval and 1.5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforests and near creeks. It grows up to 1,800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or stem or leaf cuttings.

NOTES

There are 900-1,000-1,500 Begonia species.

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