PLANT FACT SHEET

Oenothera curtiflora W.L.Wagner & Hoch

GENUS *Oenothera* **FAMILY** Onagraceae

COMMON NAMES Velvetweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The roots are stewed with meat or roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It can grow each year from seed or take 2 years to complete its lifecycle. It has a heavy taproot. The stems are erect and 30-200 cm tall. It is soft and has soft hairs. The leaves are greyish-green. The leaves at the base are 5-15 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. The leaves on the stem are 2-13 cm long and 1-4 cm wide. There can be one or many flowers in a group. Flowers open at sunset.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In China it grows in weedy areas between 100-800 m above sea level.

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