PLANT FACT SHEET

Periploca aphylla Decne.

GENUS *Periploca* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, bud, Fruit, Stems

The flower buds are eaten cooked or raw as a vegetable.
The leaves are eaten as a green vegetable.
The young stems are chewed.
The fresh green fruit are chewed.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It is erect and branched. It grows 2-3 m tall. It has milky juice. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves are 6-7 mm long and narrowly oval. The flowers are in 1.2-2.5 long groups. They are on thick stalks. The fruit are rigid and woody and 5-10 cm long by 5-6 mm wide. They are pointed. The seeds are 6 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean plant. It grows in areas with a rainfall between 100-400 mm per year. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are 10 Periploca species. They are also put in the family Acelepiadaceae.

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