PLANT FACT SHEET

Murdannia esculenta (Wall. ex C. B. Clarke) R. S. Rao & Kammathy

GENUS *Murdannia* **FAMILY** Commelinaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 45-50 cm tall. It keeps growing from year to year. The roots are thick and tuberous. In some places the roots are not thickened. The leaves are narrowly oblong and 7 cm long by 0.8 cm wide. They are folded and curved. The flower panicles are 5 cm long. The flowers are 8 mm across. The flowers are pink or purple. The fruit is a capsule 8 mm long. There are 3 or more seeds in each cell.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in damp or moist locations. It grows in grasslands and rock crevices. It suits sunny positions.

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