PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynanchum amplexicaule (Siebold. & Zucc.) Hemsl.

GENUS *Cynanchum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Bai wei, He zhang xiao

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, pod

CAUTION:

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 1 m tall. The leaves are opposite and without leaf stalks. They are oval and 4-6 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The upper leaves are smaller. The fruit are sword shaped follicles 5-7 cm long by 5-8 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on mountain slopes, grasslands, maritime dunes between 0–1000 m altitude in China.

NOTES

Used in medicine. There are about 150-200 Cynanchum species. Probably now in Apocynaceae.

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