PLANT FACT SHEET

Platostoma coloratum (D. Don) A. J. Paton

GENUS *Platostoma* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Colored jungle basil

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are chewed or pickled.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows about 1-2 m high. The plant has scaly hairs. The leaves do not have stalks. They occur opposite one another. They are 3.5-12 cm long by 1.5-3.5 cm wide. They are oval and with coarse teeth. They are softly hairy. The flowers are small and purple. The occur in compact rings. The fruit is a nutlet. It is black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Nepal the plants grow to about 1600 m altitude. In China it grows in shady valleys in thickets between 1100 and 1600 m altitude in Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 25 Geniosporum species. They are probably now all Plectranthus.

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