PLANT FACT SHEET

Commelina cyanea R.Br.

GENUS *Commelina* **FAMILY** Commelinaceae

COMMON NAMES Scurvy weed, Wandering Jew

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten after cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A weak straggling herb. It is an evergreen plant. It grows to 30 cm high and spreads to 2 m across. The stems are weak and fleshy, and lie along the ground, and form roots at the nodes. The leaves are green or blue, and sword shaped. They are 3-7 cm long, by 2 cm across. They form a sheath at the base. The flowers are bright blue, with 3 petals. They are 1.5 cm across. The flowers are carried on a branched flower stalk. The flowers open in the morning and collapse by afternoon.

HABITAT

It is tropical and subtropical. It grows in moist soil. It suits a sheltered, partly shaded position. It is drought and frost tender.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by dividing the clump or using stem cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 230 Commelina species.

PICTURES



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