PLANT FACT SHEET

Artemisia annua L.

GENUS *Artemisia* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet wormwood, Sweet Annie

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring, Bud

It is used as a medium for growing Aspergillus used in brewing wine.
It is also used to flavour honey wine.
The leaves are eaten as a vegetable. The leaves are used for tea and for flavouring.
Caution: The leaves should not be given to pregnant women during the first 3 months of pregnancy.

DESCRIPTION

A large annual herb. The stems are upright and often red. It can grow 1.6 m tall. The leaves are finely divided with leaflets along the stalk and teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and yellow and are in loose clusters.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It can grow in semi-desert and salty soils. In China it grows between 2,000-3,700 m above sea level. It grows in Sichuan and Yunnan. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from small cuttings. Remove the leaves.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

It is useful for treating malaria.

PICTURES



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