PLANT FACT SHEET

Acalypha nemorum F. Muell. ex Mull.Arg.

GENUS *Acalypha* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Southern Acalypha

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves when cooked can be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 4 m tall. There are no spines. The leaves are simple and entire or crenate along the edge. They are 1.5-15 cm long by 0.4-6 cm wide. There are some hairs on the upper side and many hairs on the lower side. The leaf stalk is 2-50 mm long. The flowers have 3 sepals about 1 mm long. They can be green, pink, orange or red. The fruit is a capsule 2-3 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. A native plant of New South Wales in Australia. It prefers light to medium soil. It suits a protected shaded position. It is frost resistant but drought tender. It grows in rainforest in tropical Queensland, between 900-1100 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by cuttings.

NOTES

There are over 450 Acalypha species. They are tropical. There are 225 in tropical America.

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