PLANT FACT SHEET

Blumea riparia (Blume) DC.

GENUS *Blumea* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves have been recorded as eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small climbing herb or small shrub up to 2-5 m tall. It climbs on trees and shrubs. The stem is round and 5-8 mm thick. It does not have a channel along it. The twigs are rod like and smooth. The leaves are soft and fleshy. They are oblong and 4-13 cm long by 2.5-6 cm wide. They are oblique in shape. They have very fine teeth along the edge. The base of the leaf does not run into the leaf stalk. The leaf stalk is 3-12 mm long. The flowers occur in hairy, branched, flower stalks at the end of the plant. These are 10-20 cm long. Flowers can also occur as small groups along the twigs in the axils of leaves.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from sea level up to 2000 m altitude. It is often along tracks or near the edge of forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It grows wild.

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