PLANT FACT SHEET

**Edibility uncertain**
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

# *Mikania micrantha* Kunth

**GENUS** *Mikania* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Climbing hempweed, Chinese creeper

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves - tea, Medicine

The leaves are used for a tea drink probably more as a medicine.

## DESCRIPTION

A climber. It is a slender vine that branches. The stem are yellow. The leaves are opposite. The leaf stalks are 1-6 cm long. The leaves are oval and 3-13 cm long by 10 cm wide. The base is heart shaped. There can be coarse teeth along the edge.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level. It grows along rivers and in marshy areas. In Sikkim it grows between 300-1,700 m above sea level.

## NOTES

It is considered a serious weed.
As a medicine it is used as an anti-malarial drug.

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