PLANT FACT SHEET

Physostigma mesoponticum Taub.

GENUS *Physostigma* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A herb that keeps growing from year to year. It can be climbing or lie along the ground. It grows 1 m tall. It has a woody rootstock about 80 cm long. It usually flowers before the leaves appear. The leaflets are 3-9 cm long by 1-6 cm wide. They often have 2-3 lobes. There are hairs on both surfaces. The flowers are in groups at the ends of branches or in the axils of leaves. They are in groups 7-50 cm long. The flowers are purple and pink. The fruit is a pod 5-12 cm long by 6-10 mm wide. It is narrow and curved. There are 6-12 seeds. The pods have velvety hairs. The seeds are brown and 6-10 mm long by 4-6 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in woodland and along rivers. It grows between 90-1,410 m altitude.

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