PLANT FACT SHEET

Clerodendrum indicum (L.) Kuntze

GENUS *Clerodendrum* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Tube flower, Indian glory-bower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

The leaves are used as a potherb. They are bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows to about 2.5 m high. It has fluted, hollow stems. The leaves are 6-23 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. The leaves are sword shaped and narrow towards the base. The flowers are white and fade to yellow. They occur in a panicle at the end of the branches. The fruit is fleshy with one stone inside. It is dark blue and has a red calyx.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Plants grow in Nepal from 200-1400 m altitude. They grow in open places. It can grow in average, well-drained soil. In southern China it grows on mountain slopes between 500-1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or stem cuttings. It also forms suckers,

NOTES

There are about 400 Clerodendrum species.

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