PLANT FACT SHEET

Murdannia japonica (Thunb.)Faden

GENUS *Murdannia* **FAMILY** Commelinaceae

COMMON NAMES Nigale gava

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The roots are boiled and eaten like potatoes.

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb. The leaves do not have leaf stalks. Leaves are 6-16 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are narrowly oblong. They taper to the tip. The edge has a rough texture. The base is wedge shaped or rounded. The flowers are purple. The fruit is a capsule.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 400-2000 m altitude. It grows in shady places. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 50 Murdannia species. They grow in the tropics.

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