PLANT FACT SHEET

Spermacoce chaetocephala DC.

GENUS *Spermacoce* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An erect annual herb. It grows 10-60 cm high. The stems are 4 angled. The leaf blades are 3-6 cm long by 3-8 mm wide. They are narrowly sword shaped. The fruit is a capsule 2.5 mm long. The seeds are brown and shiny. They are 2 mm long by 1 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in bushland and grassland between 690-1,170 m above sea level.

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