PLANT FACT SHEET

Lobelia erinus L.

GENUS *Lobelia* **FAMILY** Campanulaceae

COMMON NAMES Edging blue lobelia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It can be an annual or keep growing from year to year. It is a slender erect plant. It grows 30 cm high. The leaves are scattered. They are narrow and taper to both ends. There are a few teeth along the edge. The leaves are 6 cm long by 6 mm wide. The flowers are well spaced along stalks at the ends of branches. They are blue and white.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in swamps and along river banks. In Zimbabwe it grows between 1.500-2.300 m above sea level.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Lobeliaceae.

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