PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Euphorbia tirucalli L.

GENUS *Euphorbia* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Rubber hedge

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

Caution: It is poisonous.
The leaves are used as a herbal tea.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent shrub. It is branched and has an open crown. It does not have spines. It grows 2-6 m tall. The wood is moderately hard. The plant has an irritant white latex. There are only a few leaves.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open deciduous woodland. It suits hot dry areas. It grows between sea level to 1,525 m altitude. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds. It is cultivated as a hedge plant. Cuttings of branches root easily.

NOTES

Possibly edible but caution or treatment would be needed.

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