PLANT FACT SHEET

Orobanche minor Smith

GENUS *Orobanche* **FAMILY** Orobanchaceae

COMMON NAMES Lesser broomrape

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The tender underground shoots have been prepared and eaten like asparagus.

DESCRIPTION

A plant which keeps growing from year to year and which has erect annual shoots. It grows as a parasite living on the roots of clover or tobacco. It grows about 40 cm high. It has glandular hairs. They are brown or yellow. The scale leaves are oval or sword shaped and 1-2 cm long. The flower spike is dense. It becomes lax before flowering. The flowers do not have stalks. The fruit is a capsule 8-9 mm long. There are many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and Mediterranean plant. It grows attached to a range of plants especially legumes. In Africa it grows up to 3,000 m above sea level. Tasmania Herbarium.

NOTES

There are about 140 Orobanche species.

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