PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynanchum gerrardii (Harvey) Liede

GENUS *Cynanchum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Milk rope

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The shoots are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A twining plant. It can grow 2 m high. It does not have leaves. The stems are smooth and succulent with milky sap. The flowers are in small clusters without stalks at the nodes along the stem. The fruit are slender and pointed.

HABITAT

It is often on rocky outcrops near the sea. It can grow from sea level to 1,500 m altitude.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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