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.

Asclepias eriocarpa Benth.

GENUS *Asclepias* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian milkweed, Woollypod milkweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Latex

The latex has been used as a chewing gum. It is boiled in water until it coagulates.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows erect and keeps growing from year to year. It grows 90 cm tall. It usually have thick white hairs. The leaves are sword shaped and pairs or rings or 3 to 4. The flowers are in a large flattened cluster. They are white or cream with a pink tinge. The fruit is a large woolly follicle.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in dry areas. It suits USDA hardiness zones 7-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 100 Asclepias species.
It is used as medicine.

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