PLANT FACT SHEET

Muehlenbeckia platyclada (F. Mueller) Meisner

GENUS *Muehlenbeckia* **FAMILY** Polygonaceae

COMMON NAMES Ribbon-bush, Tapeworm plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

DESCRIPTION

A clambering shrub. It loses it leaves during the year. It grows 3-4 m high. The stems are flattened and green. They act like leaves. The leaves are sword shaped. They are 5 cm long. They fall off before flowering. The flowers are very small. The petals are greenish-white. They are in clusters in the axils of leaves. They do not have a flower stalk. The fruit is small and red to black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It does well in seasonally moist and dry climates. It needs an average, well-drained soil. It needs bright, filtered light. It suits hardiness zones 10-12. Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens. In XTBG Yunnan. In Queen Sirikit BG.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or cuttings.

PICTURES



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