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.

Monotropa uniflora L.

GENUS *Monotropa* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian pipe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

It can be cooked and eaten.
Caution: It contains oxalates and glycosides.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows on other plants. It is white and fleshy. It grows 10-30 cm high. Stems are 1.5-2 mm thick. The leaves are small like scales. They are colourless. The flowers are white and waxy. They are 2 cm long. They occur singly. They droop at the end or pale white stems. The fruit is an erect capsule with many seeds.

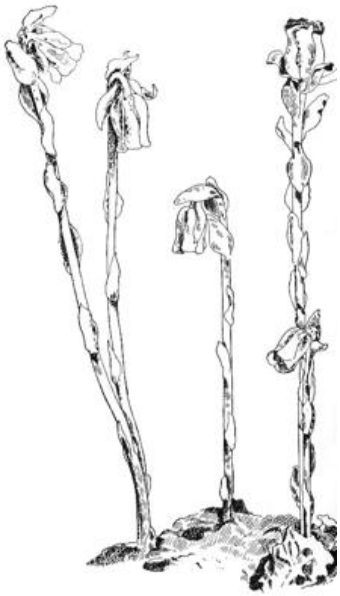
HABITAT

They grow in cool and temperate regions. It grows in damp deciduous and mixed forests between 100-1500 m altitude in China.

NOTES

There are 2 Monotropa species.
Also put in the family Monotropaceae.

PICTURES



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