PLANT FACT SHEET

Digera muricata (L.) Mart.

GENUS *Digera* **FAMILY** Amaranthaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild rhubarb, False amaranth

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stems, Flowers, flower - nectar, Vegetable

Leaves are boiled and eaten as a vegetable. They are seasoned with salt and chilli or used in curries.
The nectar is sucked out of the flowers.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It grows 20-50 cm high. The leaf blade is narrowly oval. It lies over. It is branched from the base. The leaves are alternate. It is 2-6 cm long by 6-30 mm wide. The flowers are white or pink. They are small and long slender flower stalks. The fruit have one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Western Rajasthan. In Pakistan it grows up to 1,500 m altitude. In Kenya it grows between sea level and 1,500 m altitude. It can grow in dry savannah and semi-desert and moist locations. It is often near streams.

NOTES

There is only one Digera species.

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