PLANT FACT SHEET

Acanthopale laxiflora (Lindau) C. B. Clarke

GENUS *Acanthopale* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Vegetable, Leaves

The leaves are used as a vegetable. The young leaves are chopped and washed and cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2 m tall. It can be a climber. The stems are woody. The leaves are opposite and they are oval and taper to both ends. The leaf stalk is about 2.5 cm long. There are small teeth along the edge of the leaf. The leaves are dark green above and more pale underneath. The flowers are like white bells. They are 3 cm long and have pink to purple streaks in the throat. The fruit is a club shaped capsule. It is pale brown and 1.5 cm long. They are in a group in the axils of leaves. They contain 4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is an undershrub that grows in wet mountain rainforests. It suits humid locations. It grows up to 2,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Leaves are collected during the rainy season.

NOTES

It is considered a weed.

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