PLANT FACT SHEET

Viola patrinii Ging.

GENUS *Viola* **FAMILY** Violaceae

COMMON NAMES China violet

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Leaves - tea

The shoots and leaves are eaten. They can be added to soups to thicken the soup.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 20 cm tall. The rhizomes are erect and dark brown. There are 3-5 leaves at the base. They are narrowly sword shaped with teeth towards the tip. The leaf stalks are 2-12 cm long. The leaf blade is 2-6 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flowers are white with purple veins. The fruit capsules are 1 cm long with yellow to brown seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in forests between 1,900-2,700 m above sea level in the Himalayas. It suits moist shady places.

NOTES

There are about 500 Viola species.

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