PLANT FACT SHEET

Portulaca samoensis v. Poelln.

GENUS *Portulaca* **FAMILY** Portulacaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A creeping herb. It can be 20 cm high. It has a tuberous root. The leaves are fleshy and narrow and pointed. They have long hairs at the base. The flowers are bright yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Fiji it occurs from sea level to 200 m altitude. It grows on rocky shores and amongst rocks on hillsides. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

There are about 200 Portulaca species. They are mostly in the tropics and subtropics.

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