PLANT FACT SHEET

Swertia bimaculata (Siebold & Zucc.) C. B. Clarke

GENUS *Swertia* **FAMILY** Gentianaceae

COMMON NAMES Chirata, Chireto, Double-spotted swertia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows each year from seed. It grows 30-140 cm tall. The roots are yellow and fibrous. The stems are 2-6 mm across. The leaves on the stem do not have stalks. The leaves are oval and 4-9 vm long by 1-4 cm wide. They taper to the base. The flowers are in loose branched heads. They are yellow or white with purple spots. The fruit is a narrow oval capsule 2.3 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to tropical plant. It grows beside streams and in forests between 200-3,000 m above sea level in China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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