PLANT FACT SHEET

Lobelia fervens Thunb.

GENUS *Lobelia* **FAMILY** Campanulaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stem, Flowers

The leaves are cooked and then served with rice of other dishes.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It can grow from seed each year or live for a few years. It can be erect or lie over. It grows 10-60 cm high. The stem can form roots at the lower nodes. The stems are triangle shaped and with wings. The leaves are 2-5 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. They are narrow and taper to the tip. The flowers are in long loose groups in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit is a narrow cone shaped capsule. The seeds are oval and 0.4 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in damp places. It grows from sea level to 1,800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed.

NOTES

There are about 400 Lobelia species.
They have also been put in the family Lobeliaceae.

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