PLANT FACT SHEET

Corchorus schimperi Cufod.

GENUS *Corchorus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Horn-fruited jute

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are cooked and eaten as a green vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It lies along the ground. It is an annual plant. The branches have a line of curled hairs along one side. The leaves are oblong to sword shaped. They are 5 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. There are a few hairs on the edges. There are rounded teeth along the edge. The flowers are in clusters of 1-3 in the axils of the leaves. The fruit is a 3 angled capsule. It can be 2.5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in sands and clays and grows between 1,310-1,950 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

These have also been in the Tiliaceae.

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