PLANT FACT SHEET

Ruellia chartacea (T. Anders.) Wassh.

GENUS *Ruellia* **FAMILY** Acanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Peru wild petunia, Lobster claw, Red shrimp plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2 m tall and spreads 1 m wide. The stem are thin and grey-brown. The leaves are opposite and narrowly oval to sword shaped. They taper to a sharp tip. They are pale green underneath. The leaves are 15-18 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. The flowers are at the ends of the branches. They have bright red bracts up to 10 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seed or cuttings.

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