PLANT FACT SHEET

Torenia thouarsii (Cham et Schlechtend.) O. Kuntze

GENUS *Torenia* **FAMILY** Scrophulariaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stem

DESCRIPTION

A slender straggling herb. It grows 40 cm high. It can form roots at the nodes. The leaves are 12-20 mm long by 8-15 mm wide. The flowers are white or pink. They can occur singly or as 2-6 together. The fruit is a capsule 7-10 mm long and 3 mm wide. The seeds are pale yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in grassland and marshes. It grows from sea level to 1,750 m. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

NOTES

There are 50 Torenia species. It is used in medicine.

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