PLANT FACT SHEET

Synedrella nodiflora (L.) Gaertn.

GENUS *Synedrella* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Cinderella weed, Porter bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

Young leaves are cooked and eaten. They are also eaten in salads.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It has erect stems. It grows to 70 cm-2 m tall. The branches usually divided into two at each branch. The leaves are produced opposite each other and are 10 cm long on slender winged leaf stalks. It has an unpleasant smell. The flowers are yellow. They are in small heads. They can be singly or several together. They are in the axils of leaves. The fruit are flat and 4.5 mm long by 2 mm wide. They have stiff fringed wings.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It now occurs in many countries. It is commonly self sown in cultivated ground. It grows in savannah woodland. In Papua New Guinea it grows from sea level to about 1,000 m altitude. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are easily grown from seeds.

NOTES

This plant is eaten by livestock and sometimes fed to pigs. It is used in medicine. There is only on Synedrella species.

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