PLANT FACT SHEET

Succisa pratensis Moench

GENUS *Succisa* **FAMILY** Caprifoliaceae

COMMON NAMES Devil's bit scabious

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are added to salads.

DESCRIPTION

A small plant. It grows 30-100 cm high and spreads 15-30 cm wide. It keeps growing from year to year. It forms a ring of leaves are the base. These are oblong or lance shaped. They are lightly downy. The flowering stems are slender and 100 cm tall. The flowers are like pincushions. They are dark purple or pink. The flower heads are 25 mm wide. They are in the axils of purple-tipped leafy bracts.

HABITAT

It grows naturally in wet grassy places in heath or open forest. It needs moist soil and sun or light shade. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or by division.

NOTES

There is one Succisa species. Also put in the family Dipsacaceae.

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