PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Claviceps purpurea (Fr.) Tul

GENUS *Claviceps* **FAMILY** Clavicipitaceae

COMMON NAMES Ergot

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

This poisonous fungus yields alkaloids only to be used by medical practitioners.

DESCRIPTION

It grows as a parasite on rye and cereals.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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