



PLANT FACT SHEET

Oxalis latifolia H. B. Kunth

GENUS *Oxalis* FAMILY Oxalidaceae

COMMON NAMES Fish-tailed Oxalis, Broadleaf sorrel, Pink shamrock

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable, Stems - drink, Tubers, Flowers

Young leaves are pickled. They are also chewed as snacks.

The stems have a sour taste and are chewed and also used to make a drink.

The small tubers are eaten by children.

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It has spreading underground stems which produce many fibrous bulbs. It grows about 30 cm high. The leaves are at the base and have long stalks. The leaves have 3 leaflets. These are triangular and usually with notches at the tip. The flowers are pink. They are in loose umbrella shaped flower arrangements. About 12 flowers occur together.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate and tropical plants. In Nepal they grow from 1200-1600 m altitude. In Ecuador it grows between 1,000-3,000 m above sea level. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. It can be grown from bulbils.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The whole plant is removed and the leaves harvested.

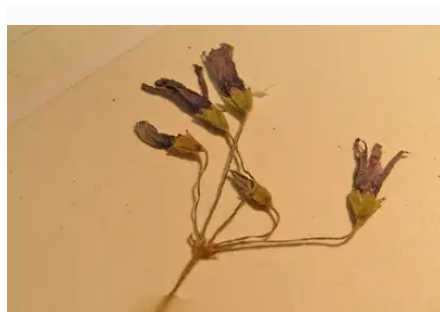
NOTES

There are about 500 *Oxalis* species.

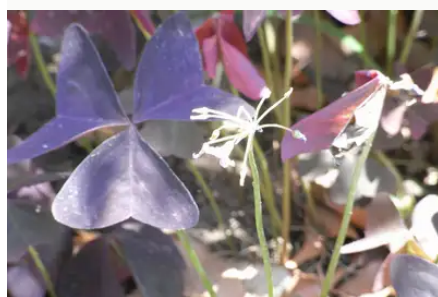
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