PLANT FACT SHEET

Periploca linearifolia Dillon & A. Rich.

GENUS *Periploca* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root - tea, Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A vine. It grows 8 m tall. The stems are thin and wiry. The leaves are smooth and narrow. All parts have milky latex. The flowers are white with purple sepals. They are in groups at the ends of branches. The fruit is a pod 10 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows at the edge of forests. It forms tangled clumps. In Malawi it grows between 1,400-2,150 m altitude.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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