PLANT FACT SHEET

Orthanthera viminea Wight

GENUS *Orthanthera* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Mahur, Chapkia, Khip

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bud

The flower buds are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows up to 2.5 m high. The young shoots are softly hairy. It often does not have leaves. The leaves are 5 cm long by 4 mm wide. The flowers are in woolly stalked clusters. The fruit are follicles 8-12 cm long by 5 mm wide. They are straight and smooth. The seeds are 3-4 mm long and dark brown and flat.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in Kashmir in India and Pakistan. It grows up to 1,000 m above sea level.

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