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Cleoserrata speciosa (Raf.) Iltis

GENUS *Cleoserrata* **FAMILY** Cleomaceae

COMMON NAMES Spider plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are cooked and used as a pot-herb.

DESCRIPTION

A herb up to 1.5 m tall. The lower leaves are 6 pointed and like fingers on a hand. The flowers are white, pink or purple. The flowers are on an erect spike. It is covered with small leaflets. The fruit are seed pods which hang from long stems.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is often along streams and grows up to 1,800 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 150 Cleome species.

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