PLANT FACT SHEET

Fatoua villosa (Thunb.) Nakai

GENUS *Fatoua* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy crabweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Plant

Young plant is well cooked and eaten as famine food.

DESCRIPTION

A herb which grows from seed each year. It is 30-80 cm high. The stems are green when young. It has few branches. The leaf stalk is hairy. The leaf blade is oval and 5-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The leaf is like a membrane. The base is heart shaped and clings to the leaf stalk. There are teeth along the edge. Flowers are of 2 sexes. The fruit is dry and oval and 3 angled. It is about 1 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in scrub and waste grassy areas in S China.

NOTES

There are 2 Fatoua species.

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