

Cyanthillium cinereum

Scientific classification

Kingdom	: Plantae
Clade	: Angiosperms
Order	: Asterales
Family	: Asteraceae
Genus	: <i>Cyanthillium</i>
Species	: <i>C. cinereum</i>
Part used	: Seeds



Description

Cyanthillium cinereum (also known as little ironweed), The species is native to tropical Africa and to tropical Asia (India, Sri Lanka, Indochina, Indonesia, etc) tropical South America, the West Indies, and the US State of Florida. It is an annual herb up to 120 cm (4 feet) tall. It produces flat-topped arrays of numerous flower heads, each with pinkish or purplish disc florets but no ray florets. The species can be confused with *Emilia sonchifolia*, but the flower bracts of the latter are much longer and vase-shaped.

Medicinal uses

Cyanthillium cinereum has therapeutic potentials against asthma, cancer, cholera, colic pain, cough, diarrhea, dysentery, impotency and night-blindness. The seeds are used as a source of alexipharmic and anthelmintic drugs, and as an alterative in leprosy and chronic skin diseases.