PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Anredera cordifolia* (Tenore) Steenis

**GENUS** *Anredera* **FAMILY** Basellaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Madeira vine, Potato vine

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves, Tubers, Root

The leaves can be eaten raw in salads or used as a potherb or prepared with sesame oil and soy sauce. The tubers/rhizomes are boiled and eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A climber or vine. The stems are 3-7 m long. It has aerial potato like tubers along the stem. They are 1-3 cm long. The leaves are small, fleshy and closely arranged. They are simple and 3-15 cm long by 2-10 cm wide. The leaf stalks are 5-15 cm long. The flowers are small, white and fragrant. The are in racemes in the axils of leaves. The flowers are about 6 mm across. They are white with green or white bracts. They have a scent. The fruit is a nut about 1 mm across.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in South China. It becomes invasive in warm, moist climates. It needs light well-drained soil. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 720 m altitude. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level. It is damaged by drought and frost. Tasmania Herbarium. It grows in Sichuan.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

It can reproduce from small tubers along the stems. It can be grown from cuttings.

## NOTES

There are 5-10 Anredera species. It can become invasive.

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