PLANT FACT SHEET

Smilax auriculata Walter

GENUS *Smilax* **FAMILY** Smilacaceae

COMMON NAMES Earleaf greenbrier

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Rhizome

Starch is extracted from the roots by pounding.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen vine. It keeps growing from year to year. It can be 9 m long. It has prickles on the stem. The leaves are oval. and 8 cm long. The flowers are green and in groups of 3-8 flowers. The fruit are dark purple berries 6 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows on coastal sand dunes.

NOTES

There are about 300 Smilax species.

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