PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Eriosema youngii Baker f.

GENUS *Eriosema* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

DESCRIPTION

A slender stemmed herb. The root produces a swollen tuber about 2.5 cm long and 1.5 cm across. There is a single stem 20 cm long and it has 1 or 2 trailing branches near the base. The leaves have one leaflets that is 2-13 cm long by about 1 cm wide. It is narrowly oval. There are 2-4 flowers in a group in the axils of the leaves. The flower standard is yellow inside and reddish outside. The fruit is a pod 9-10 mm long by 5 mm wide. It has rusty hairs. The seeds are brown with dark speckles. They are 2-3 mm long by 2 mm wide and 1 mm thick.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in marshy and wooded mountain grassland.

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