PLANT FACT SHEET

Eriosema burkei var. burkei

GENUS *Eriosema* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The tubers are dug up, washed and chewed raw.

DESCRIPTION

A short erect herb. It can grow 45 cm tall. It has a large woody rootstock and this produces one or several stems. The stems are 28 cm long and flattened. They are covered with rusty brown hairs. The leaves are compound and have 1-3 leaflets.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in seasonally burnt grassland. The rootstock survives fires. In Tanzania it grows between 1,500-1,800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Tubers are collected during the rainy season.

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