PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea bolusiana Schinz

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Narrow-leaved pink ipomoea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tuber

The tuberous root is eaten raw. It is scraped and the moisture squeezed into the mouth. It can also be roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. The branches are trailing. They have leaves spaced along them. These have erect flowering shoots along them. The leaf blade is divided into 3 narrow lobes up to 6 cm long by 3 cm wide. The central lobe is the longest. The flowers are erect. They are funnel shaped and 4 cm long and 4 cm wide at the mouth. The are pink or purple. It has a fattened tuber about 15 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Swaziland it is only in the low veld. It grows between sea level and 1,525 m above sea level. It grows in sandy and rocky soils. It can grow in arid places.

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