PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea gracilis R. Brown

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple Beach Convolvulus, Slender bindweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Roots, Leaves

CAUTION: The leaves cause diarrhoea.
The tubers are roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing or creeping plant. It has runners which can be 3-6 m long. The leaves are roundish and entire. Sometimes there are teeth and small lobes near the base of the leaf. The leaves are 3-5 cm long. Flowers can be either single or as 3-5 together. They are 5 cm long. They are red and darker red at the base. The fruit are smooth, round capsules. They contain many tiny seeds. It has a tuber.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It commonly grows naturally near roadsides and on beaches. It spreads across sand. In north Queensland it grows from sea level to 900 m altitude.

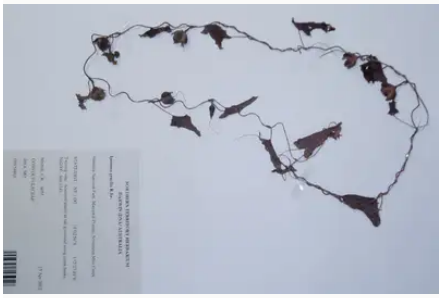
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There are about 500 Ipomoea species.

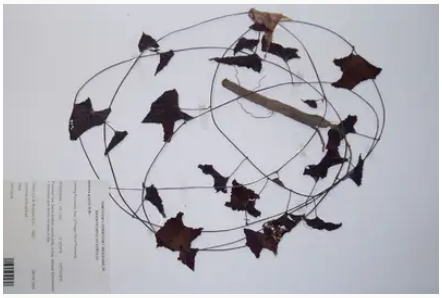
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