PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea staphylina Roemer et Schultes

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Hainan yam

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The fleshy tubers are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large creeper. It has fleshy root tubers. The leaves are broadly oval and 8-15 cm long by 5-11 cm wide. The flowers are white or pink. They are on stalks 6 cm long in the axils of leaves. The fruit are oval capsules. These are 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on open hillsides in southern China.

NOTES

There are about 500 Ipomoea species.

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