PLANT FACT SHEET

Thilachium thomasii Gilg.

GENUS *Thilachium* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tubers, Fruit

The roots are used to make porridge.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or climber. It can grow 5 m tall. It has large tuberous roots. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are simple and 3-9 cm long by 2-7 cm wide. They vary in shaped. There are 1-10 flowers in a loose group. The fruit are narrowly oval and 3-6 cm long. They have 6-8 ribs.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in woodland and along water courses. It grows between sea level and 1,000 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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