PLANT FACT SHEET

Corallocarpus epigaeusâ (Rottl.) C. B. Clarke

GENUS *Corallocarpus* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It lies along the ground or can be a climber. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 4 m long. It has a tuberous root. The stems are angular and can be finely hairy. It has simple tendrils. The leaves are 2-6 cm long. The leaves are divided into 3-5 lobes. The lobes are broadly sword shaped and can have 1-3 lobes. The flowers are yellow. The fruit are oval and 1-2 cm long. The seeds are an unequal pear shaped. There are about 8 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forest and woodland. It can grow in arid places. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

NOTES

The rhizomes are used in medicine.

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