PLANT FACT SHEET

Merremia palmata Hallier f.

GENUS *Merremia* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Morning-glory

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Roots

The leaves are cooked and eaten. The water is changed several times to remove the sour taste.
The roots are chewed raw for their water.

DESCRIPTION

A creeping herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It can lie along the ground or be twining. It can be 2.5 m long. It has a taproot. The leaves have leaflets in a ring spread out like fingers on a hand. The flowers are pale yellow with a red centre. They are funnel shaped and 2-3 cm long. The often occur singly in the axils of the leaves. The fruit is an oval capsule. There are 4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in places with a marked dry season. It grows in well-drained sands and clays. It grows between 120-1,450 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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