PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea digitata L.

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Tubers, Root

The tubers are eaten like sweet potato.
The leaves can be cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A creeping plant with tuberous roots. The plant is smooth and without hairs. The stem is thick and tough. It has branches 5-10 m long. The leaves are divided like fingers on a hand with 5-7 lobes. These are broadly oval or round. The leaf can be 10-28 cm across. The leaf stalk is 5-18 cm long. The flower stalks are 15-25 cm long with a clump of flowers at the end. There can be 5-10 flowers. These are red. The seed are covered with matted fine hairs.

Probably now Ipomoea cheirophylla.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows naturally on sand behind the beach edge. It also often grows along fences in the sunlight.

NOTES

There are about 500 Ipomoea species. It has been used in medicine. Probably in a hot house in Slovenia.

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