PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea hemsleyi Prain et Burkill

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

COMMON NAMES Sticky yam, Glutinous yam

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber - starch, Root

The starch from the tubers is used in pastry.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. It is deeply rooted hairy climber. The stem turns anti-clockwise. There are 1-4 root tubers. They are 20-40 cm long and 1-4 cm wide. The outside is yellowish-red and white and sticky inside. The leaves are oval or heart shaped with hairs underneath. The flowers are purple red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the mountains in southern China. It grows between 200-2,200 m above sea level.

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