PLANT FACT SHEET

Raphionacme splendens subsp. bingeri (A. Chev.) Lebrun & Stork

GENUS *Raphionacme* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root, Vegetable

The tubers are eaten raw after removing the hard outer layer. They are also boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A vine. The tubers are 5-8 cm across. They can be 25 cm across. They have white flesh. It has white sap when cut. The stems are zigzag shaped and 20 cm tall. There are a few narrowly oval leaves. The flowers are pink to purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the stony savannah in West Africa. It grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or using the tuber.

NOTES

There are about 100 Brachystelma species. The tubers of all Brachystelma species are probably edible.

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