PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Bomarea acutifolia* (Link. & Otto.) Herb.

**GENUS** *Bomarea* **FAMILY** Alstroemeriaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Yatzi

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Root, Tuber

The starchy tubers are eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has a tuberous root. It is a climber. It keeps growing from year to year. It climbs 1.8 m high and spreads 1.5 m wide. The stem is slender and twining. The leaves are sword shaped and have parallel veins. The flowers are tube shaped and yellow and green. They hang in groups.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is best in humus-rich, moist soils. It needs a partly shaded position. They are damaged by drought and frost.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Seed germinate in 21 days. They can also be grown by root division.

## NOTES

There are 100-200 Bomarea species. They are climbers in the Andes cloudforest in Central and South America. See Marinelli, J. (Ed), 2004, Plant. DK. p 208

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