PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea delavayi Franch.

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tuber

DESCRIPTION

A vine. It is a yam. The tuber is cylinder shaped and is vertical in the ground. The stems twine to the left. They are hairy when young. The leaves are alternate and have 3 or 5 leaflets. They are narrow. Male and female flowers are separate.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Yunnan. It occurs between 2,000-3,000 m above sea level.

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