PLANT FACT SHEET

Silene burchellii Otth. ex DC.

GENUS *Silene* **FAMILY** Caryophyllaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It has large oval tubers. The plant is covered with short hairs. The stems can be erect or lying over and it often branches low down. It grows 30-40 cm tall. The leaves vary is size and shape. They are narrow and can be oblong or sword shaped. The flowers are in simple loose, one sided groups. There are 2-7 flowers in a group and they are near the ends of the branches. The flower petals can be red, purple or white. The fruit is a capsule on stalks 5-6 mm long. The seeds are flattened and 1.3 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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