PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Stemona australiana* (Benth.) C.H. Wright

**GENUS** *Stemona* **FAMILY** Stemonaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Root, Tubers

## DESCRIPTION

A slender climber or vine. It has fleshy tubers. It can be 15 m long. The leaves are large and heart shaped. The leaves are held out from the stems on slender leaf stalks. There are several veins which spread out from where the leaf joins the stalk. The flowers are small and produced singly or in pairs in the axils of leaves. They are dark brown or black with red patches. The fruit are small and oval capsules.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and open forest. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 115 m altitude.

## NOTES

There are 30 Stemona species. They grow in Asia.

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