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Satyrium coriophoroides A. Rich.

GENUS *Satyrium* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

DESCRIPTION

An orchid that grows in the ground. It grows 1 m high. It has long tubers 3-6 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The leafy stem has 3-5 leaves and the lower ones sheath the stem. The upper leaves are 6-15 cm long by 2-4.5 cm wide and they are sword shaped. The flowering stalk is 23 cm long. There are many white to red flowers.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in upland grassy slopes in West Africa.

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