PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea obscura (L.) Ker. Gawl.

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow ipomoea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable, Root, Tuber

The leaves are cooked and eaten as a relish. The leaves are added to soup.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing herb. It is a slender trailing plant. It lies along the ground. It can be a climber or twining. It has a taproot and can keep growing from year to year. The leaf stalks are 1.5 cm long. The leaf blades vary but are long and tapering to the tip with a broadly heart shape base. They are 4 cm long. The flowers occur singly or as a few together in the axils of leaves. The flowers are funnel shaped and 4 cm long and 3 cm across. They are pale yellow or white.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the savannah in West Africa. It grows from sea level to 1,800 m above sea level. It grows in woodland, grassland and savannah. It can grow in arid places. It can grow in coastal sands. In Yunnan.

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