PLANT FACT SHEET

Bomarea salsilla (L.) Mirb.

GENUS *Bomarea* **FAMILY** Alstroemeriaceae

COMMON NAMES Salcilla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tubers

The tuber is cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A twining herb. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves are sword shaped. The flowers are small and pink or red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in woods in the mountains and by the coast in humid areas. It is best in a sunny position with a well-drained and slightly acid soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. It is best to used fresh seed but with stored seed it needs to be put in a warm location then a cold location before planting. Plants can be grown by division.

NOTES

There are 100-200 Bomarea species. They are climbers in the Andes cloudforest in Central and South America.

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