PLANT FACT SHEET

Merremia aegyptia (Linn.) Urban

GENUS *Merremia* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy merremia, Hairy woodrose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - coffee

The seeds are dried and then roasted and ground to make a coffee like drink.

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling herb. It can be a climber. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves have five leaflets. These are 3-9 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The flowers are white. The mature fruit is very hairy. It is a capsule with 4 sections and is 11 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in disturbed areas and water drains. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 70 Merremia species.
It is considered a serious weed in Australia.

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