PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea orangeana Wilkin

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

DESCRIPTION

A yam. It is a twining vine. It can grow 5 m long. It grows from a fleshy tuber. The tuber can be 20 cm across. The leaves are broad and almost kidney shaped. The edges of the leaves are wavy. They are 2-6 cm long by 1-6 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry sclerophyllous forests on limestone and sand.

NOTES

It is an at risk species.

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