PLANT FACT SHEET

Eriosema lebrunii Staner & De Craene

GENUS *Eriosema* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

DESCRIPTION

A herb that keeps growing from year to year. It has a few branches. It is 15-30 cm long. It has turnip shaped roots. These are 1.5 cm across by 3 cm long. The stems are slender. They can have a white coating. The leaves have one leaflet. They are 2-10 cm long by 0.5-2 cm wide. They are broadly sword shaped and hairy above. The flowers are greenish-yellow. The pods are 6-7 mm long by 4-5 mm wide. They are oblong and covered with rusty hairs. The seeds are greenish-brown. They are speckled with dark purple. They are 2.5 mm long by 1.5 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in savannah and swamps in mountain locations in West Africa. It grows between 1,650-2,400 m above sea level.

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