PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea yunnanensis Prain & Burkill

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Tubers

The roots are boiled in water.

DESCRIPTION

A yam. The tubers are arranged vertically. They are cylinder shaped. The stems twine to the left and have grey hairs. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaf stalk is 4-11 cm long. The leaves are kidney shaped to round and 7-15 cm long by 10-18 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Yunnan it grows between 1,000-2,800 m above sea level.

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