PLANT FACT SHEET

Merremia pacifica v.Ooststroom

GENUS *Merremia* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Kwalo tabui

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

It is used to wrap food in stone ovens.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a climbing vine. The leaf blades are oval and 10-14 cm long. They are broadly heart shaped at the base and taper to the tip. They are hairy when young. The flowering shoots are 10-40 cm long. The flowers are white. The fruit are oval and 2 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in forest between 100-400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 80 Merremia species.

PICTURES



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