PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Dioscorea kamoonensis* Kunth

**GENUS** *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Tubers, Root

The underground tuber is boiled and eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A yam. The tubers are usually almost oval. The stem twines to the left. They have brown hairs when young. There are bulbils on the stem. The leaves are alternate and have 3 to 5 leaflets arranged like fingers on a hand. They are more pale underneath. The leaf stalks are 2-10 cm long. The leaflets are oval and 2-14 cm long by 1-5 cm wide.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in secondary scrub forests between 500-2,900 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

## NOTES

There are about 650 species of Dioscorea.

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