PLANT FACT SHEET

Macrotyloma fimbriatum (Harms) Verdc.

GENUS *Macrotyloma* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The tubers are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb. It grows 60 cm tall. It has a tuberous rootstock. It puts up stems each year and these are slightly hairy. The leaves have one leaflet 3-15 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. There are 4-8 flowers in a group in the axils of leaves. The flower standard is creamy green with a purple blotch. The pods are 5-6 cm long by 5-6 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Miombo woodland. It grows between 600-1,650 m above sea level.

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