PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynanchum floribundum (R. Br.) Schltr.

GENUS *Cynanchum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Native pear, Angelth, Dumara bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

CAUTION:
The unripe milky pods are eaten. They are cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrubby climber. It grows 0.5-1 m tall. Young shoots are hairy. The leaves are 2.5-5 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are oval or heart shaped. They are rounded at the base and drawn out into a long point. They are hairy when young but smooth when mature. They are dark green. The flowers are white and 0.6 cm long. The follicles are spindle shaped and 3-5 cm long. The seeds are 1-2.5 cm long and have bristles.

HABITAT

It grows in inland regions and on sand dunes. It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It is damaged by frost or drought. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

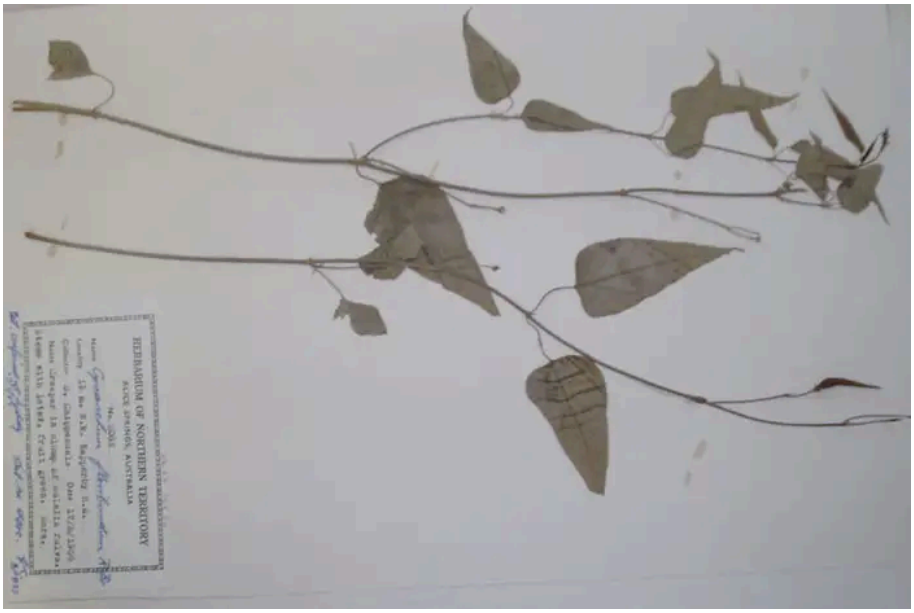
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

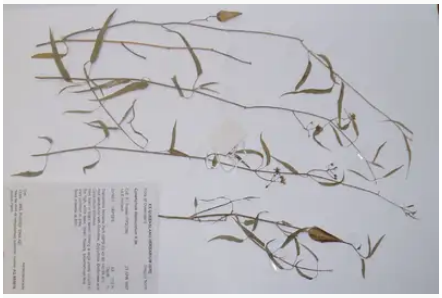
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There are about 150 Cynanchum species.

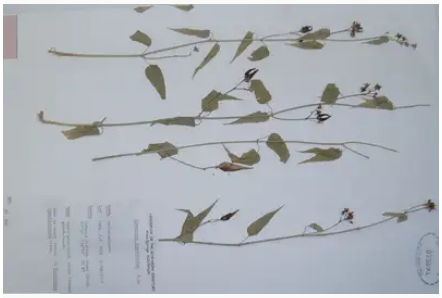
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