PLANT FACT SHEET

Murdannia edulis (Stokes) Faden

GENUS *Murdannia* **FAMILY** Commelinaceae

COMMON NAMES Edible dewflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The roots are boiled and eaten like potatoes.

DESCRIPTION

A tufted herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows about 70 cm high. It has elongated tuberous roots. The roots are robust and thickened near the end into tubers 8 mm across. There are several stems that grow from a ring of leaves at the base. The leaves are all at the base. The leaves are narrow and 10-42 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The edges can be wavy and have fine hairs. They taper finely. The flowers are small and pale mauve. The fruit is a capsule. it is 3 angled with a hook at the tip.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests from near sea level to 1,000 m above sea level in southern China. In Nepal it grows to about 2000 m altitude. In Bangladesh it grows on the floor of the forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 100 Aneilema species.

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