PLANT FACT SHEET

Ipomoea macrantha Roemer & Schultes

GENUS *Ipomoea* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Native Woodrose, Beach moonflower, Climbing Morning Glory

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Tubers

The tubers are eaten cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A vigorous climber. The stems twine around objects. The stems come from a thick root tuber. The leaves are 6-12 cm across 4-10 cm wide. They are oval or heart shaped. They can have lobes on the leaf. The leaf stalk is 1-4 cm long. The leaves are dark green and leathery. Between 1-3 flowers occur together in the axils of leaves. The flowers are 6-8 cm across and white. They have a tubular base. The flowers open at night and close next morning. The seed capsule is 3-5 cm across and oval. It is leathery and splits open when mature. The seeds are large and hairy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is more common in coastal districts. It needs a well drained soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed, cuttings or the tops of tubers.

NOTES

There are about 500 Ipomoea species.

PICTURES



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