PLANT FACT SHEET

Dioscorea kalkapershadii Prain & Burkill

GENUS *Dioscorea* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

DESCRIPTION

A yam. The stems are slender and they have a few prickles. The leaves are alternate and compound. The flower spikes have a rusty coating.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the Western Ghats in India.

NOTES

The root and bulb are a source of diosgenin used as medicine.

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