PLANT FACT SHEET

Heteromorpha arborescens var. abyssinica (Spreng.) Cham. & Schltdl., (A. Rich.) H. Wolff

GENUS *Heteromorpha* **FAMILY** Apiaceae

COMMON NAMES Parsley tree, Parsnip tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root - flavouring, Vegetable

The root tubers are cooked and eaten as a vegetable. They are also used as flavouring in dairy like preparations. It is boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It can grow to 7 m high. It is straggling and open. The bark is reddish-brown. It peels in papery flakes. The leaves are alternate and compound. There are 3-9 leaflets. The leaves have a smell like carrots. The flowers are small and often in round heads. The flower petals are white or yellow. The fruit are often flattened and 5-7 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places. It grows in sandy loams. It can grow in arid places.

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