PLANT FACT SHEET

Schizoglossum atropurpureum E. Mey.

GENUS *Schizoglossum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Red milkwort

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Roots

The roots are peeled and eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tall herb. It keeps growing from year to year from a tuberous rootstock. It has few branches. The stems are slender and have white down. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are broad at the base and taper to a blunt point. The flowers occur in several groups at the top of the plant. The flowers are small and 5 mm long and dark purple. The fruit is a narrow follicle. The seeds are flat with tufts of hairs at the end.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

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