PLANT FACT SHEET

Curculigo orchioides Gaertn.

GENUS *Curculigo* **FAMILY** Hypoxidaceae

COMMON NAMES Star grass, Golden-eyed grass

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Rhizome, Tuber

The root tubers are cooked and eaten. They are also used for the preparation of drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A small herb with grass like leaves. It grows from a tuber or corm. The leaves are large and sword shaped. They are folded like a fan. The flowers are yellow and small. They are star like. They are produced just near the ground. The fruit is a pale green berry.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Papua New Guinea it grows mostly below 1,000 m altitude. It occurs in open grassland at low and medium altitudes in the Philippines. In southern China it grows on open grassy slopes from near sea level to 1,600 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 10 Curculigo species. It is used in medicine.

PICTURES



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