PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceropegia glabriflora (F.Muell.) Bruyns

GENUS *Ceropegia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Bush potato, White turnip

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root, Bulbs

The tubers can be eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A small plant which looks like grass but with a thicker stronger stem. The stems are 20-85 cm long. The leaves can be very small, like scales. They can also be long and narrow and 0.5-10 cm long by 2-10 mm across. The flowers are 10-12 mm long and 3-5 mm across. The flowers are purple-black. The plant has irregular shaped tubers. They can be 1-8 cm across. These tubers look and taste like potatoes.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open forest in sandy or seasonally waterlogged soils. It is often near the edges of swamps amongst short rushes.

PRODUCTION

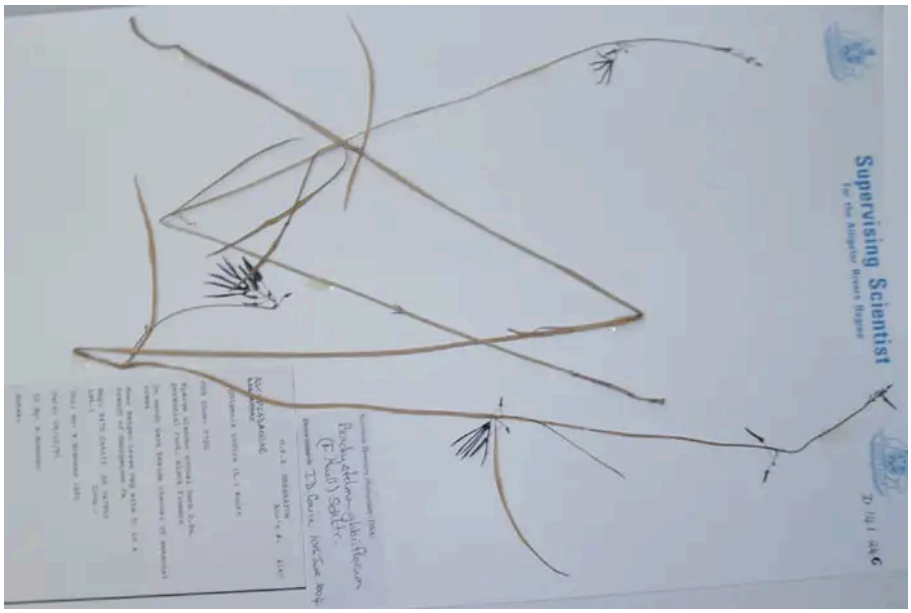
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Presumably they can be grown from the tubers.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.

PICTURES



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