PLANT FACT SHEET

Funastrum gracile (Decne.) Schtldl.

GENUS *Funastrum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Neek'yek

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems, Leaves, Fruit, Flowers

The stems and leaves are ground and cooked as a vegetable eaten with salt.

DESCRIPTION

A climber. It can grow 2-3 m long. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves are narrow. The flowers are white.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grow in semi-arid regions. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

Also put in the family Asclepiadaceae.
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