PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Corybas barbarae* D. L. Jones

**GENUS** *Corybas* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

**COMMON NAMES** A helmet orchid

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Tuber

## DESCRIPTION

A small ground orchid. It grows 2-4 m tall in flower. It has a round tuber and one leaf at the base. This is round or heart shaped and 1.4-3.5 cm long by 1.4-3.6 cm wide. It lies flat on the ground. It is greyish-green above and reddish-purple underneath. There is one flower that is white with a pink tinge at the tip. The fruit is a capsule 2 cm long.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in moist sheltered sites on well-drained soils. It can be on rocky headlands.

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