PLANT FACT SHEET

Perichasma laetificata Miers

GENUS *Perichasma* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Tuber

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw.
The leaves are chewed as a sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A woody creeper. The stems can be 5 m long. They are slender and have ribs along them. They have stiff brown hairs. There is a tuberous rhizome or underground stem. The leaves are alternate and simple. The leaf stalk joins the leaf blade away from the edge. The leaf blade is oval and 13-22 cm long by 13-16 cm wide. The edges are wavy. The flowers are in a branched group up to 20 cm long. The flowers have the sexes separate. The fruit is round, yellow and fleshy. It is 8-12 mm long by 7-9 mm wide. It has 2 ridges and one seed. The seed is 6-9 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and in clearings from sea level to 900 m altitude. It suits humid locations. It suits the wet tropics.

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