PLANT FACT SHEET

Merremia tuberosa (L.) Rendle

GENUS *Merremia* **FAMILY** Convolvulaceae

COMMON NAMES Wood rose

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Seeds - coffee

The seeds are dried and then roasted and ground to make a coffee like drink.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper or woody vine. It can be climbing and twining. It grows 10-15 m long. It has milky sap. The stems are thick and cylinder shaped. The leaves are alternate and the blades are simple. They are 7-12 cm long by 6-11 cm long. They have 7 lobes arranged like fingers on a hand. The flower is yellow. The fruit are oval capsules. They are 1.5-2.5 cm long. There are 4 seeds in each fruit.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In NE Queensland it grows from sea level to 300 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

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