PLANT FACT SHEET

Camptorrhiza strumosa (Baker) Oberm.

GENUS *Camptorrhiza* **FAMILY** Colchicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corms, Roots

The corms are eaten raw or baked in the hot ashes.

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It grows 20 cm high. It has an underground stem about 20 cm long and this has 2 oval corms at the end. The plant keeps growing from year to year. The leaves are narrow. They are in a zigzag pattern in 2 distinct rows. The lower leaves are 9-11 cm long by 5 mm wide. They become smaller higher up. The flowers are 50 mm long. They are pale red to brown. They occur singly in the axils of the upper leaves.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas. It grows in areas with a marked dry season. The dry season can be 6-11 months. It grows in dry sandy soils. It grows between 45-1,530 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Corms are available in the rainy season.

NOTES

There are at least 5 Camptorrhiza species.

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