Dioscorea communis

Common Name(s):

black bryony

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

On and just inside the margin of indigenous forest.

Features:

Deciduous vine with subterranean tubers. Glabrous. Stems slender and twining to 3-4m. Leaves with slender petioles to 15cm long, thin and ovate with a deeply cordate base. Plant dioecious, flowers about 4mm wide in racemes to 14cm long. Fruit approx. 1cm diameter, shining scarlet with 1-3 seeds.

For more information, visit:

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