

# Species Data Sheet

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(family.genus.species)

DBT- Network Programme

## 1. Taxon:

Species: *Dioscorea alata* L.

Subspecies:

Variety:

Cultivar:

Hybrid:

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2. **Synonyms:** *D. alata* var. *globosa* (Roxb.) Prain, *D. alata* var. *purpurea* (Roxb.) A. Pouchet, *D. alata* var. *tarri* Prain & Burkill, *D. alata* var. *vera* Prain & Burkill, *D. atropurpurea* Roxb., *D. colocasiifolia* Pax, *D. eburina* Lour., *D. eburnea* Lour., *D. globosa* Roxb., *D. javanica* Queva, *D. purpurea* Roxb., *D. rubella* Roxb., *D. sapinii* De Wild., *D. vulgaris* Miq., *Elephantodoneburnea* (Lour.) Salisb., *Polynomealata* (L.) Salisb.

## 3. Systematic position:

### APG IV (2016)

- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperm
- Clade: Monocot
- Order: Dioscoreales Mart.
- Family: Dioscoreaceae R. Br.
- Genus: *Dioscorea* L.
- Species: *D. alata* L.

### Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Phanerogams  
Class: Monocotyledons  
Series: Epigynae  
Ordo: Dioscoreaceae R. Br.  
Genus: *Dioscorea* L.  
Species: *D. alata* L.

## 4. Distribution:

**Global:** Africa, Tropical Asia, Australia, Europe, South America. Introduced in Northern America and Africa

**India:** North East India

## 5. Indigenous/Exotic/Endemic; Cultivated/Wild:

## 6. Threat Status:

**IUCN:**

**BSI:**

**7. Habit and Habitat:** Climbing herb. Commonly grown or cultivated for edible tubers.

**8. Life Form:** Tuberous geophyte

**9. Economic Importance:** Tubers are edible after cooking.

## 10. Probable Progenitor of:

## 11. DNA

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Methodology:

12. Basic chromosome number(s):

13. Zygotic chromosome number(s):

14. Gametic chromosome number(s):

15. Specialized chromosomes (B chromosomes/Sex chromosomes/polytene chromosomes/Neocentric chromosomes):

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16. Ploidy level:

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17. Agametoploidy:

18. Nature of polyploidy (auto, segmental, allo, autoallo):

19. Genomic formula:

20. Aberrant chromosome number(s)(aneuploidy, aneusomy, polysomy):

21. Somatic chromosomes:

Karyotype:

Chromosome size:

NOR chromosome(s):

Degree of asymmetry:

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22. Banding pattern(s):

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23. Physical mapping of chromosomes:

In situ hybridization

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Fluorescent in situ hybridization

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24. Genomic in situ hybridization:

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25. Linkage map:

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26. Chromosome associations:

Female meiosis:

**Male meiosis:**

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**27. Chromosome distribution at anaphase I:**

**28. Genetic diversity:**

**Chromosomal level:**

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**DNA level**

**29. Any other information (Apomixis; Inversion; Male sterility; Pollen grain mitosis; Pollen stainability; Translocation etc.):**