PLANT FACT SHEET

Aloe volkensii Engl.

GENUS *Aloe* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots - flavour

The roots are used to help the fermentation of honey beer and to give a slightly bitter flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A thick fleshy herb. It has a stiff erect stem and can be 4 m tall. It can develop offsets from near the base. The leaves are long and slender. They are 60 cm long and curved and have teeth with brown tips along the edges. Deal leaves remain on the stem. The flowers are orange to red and 35 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from near sea level to 1,900 m above sea level. It grows in dry bushveld often on rocky slopes.

NOTES

Also put in the family Aloaceae. Also put in the family Asphodelaceae.

PICTURES



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