PLANT FACT SHEET

Arisaema concinnum Schott

GENUS *Arisaema* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese cobra lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corm, Tuber, Root

The corms are eaten but only after repeated boiling. This removes the oxalates.
It is used as a famine food.

DESCRIPTION

A fleshy herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 75 cm high. The corm is rounded and 5 cm across. There are 7-11 leaflets. They are oblong to sword shaped and 15-30 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 60 cm long. The blade ends in a curved tail.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in pine forest, broad-leaved forest between 2100-3100 m in China. They suit cool shady forest areas.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from corms or pieces of the rhizome.

NOTES

There are about 150-170 Arisaema species.

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