PLANT FACT SHEET

Conamomum xanthophlebium (Baker) Skornick. & A. D. Poulsen

GENUS *Conamomum* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Tepus, Bunga tantan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Spice

The flowers are used as flavouring in curries.

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. It forms underground stems or rhizomes which produce leafy shoots. It grows up to 5 m tall. There can be separate flowers on the shoots. The leaves are oblong or sword shaped and 80 cm long by 12 cm wide. They form a sheath and have only short leaf stalks. The tip has a short point. The flower stalk can be 10-40 cm long. The flowers form a spike 12-24 cm long by 8-9 cm wide. The bracts are deep red and vary in shape. They can be 5-7 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The fruit is oval and 2 cm long by 1.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforests up to 1300 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 150 Amomum species. They are mostly tropical.

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