PLANT FACT SHEET

Alpinia tonkinensis Gagnepain

GENUS *Alpinia* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Hua ye shan jiang

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Rhizome, Root, Flavouring

It is used as a flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. The false stem is stout. The leaf sheath has lines along it. The leaf stalk is 3-6 cm long. The leaf blade is narrow and sword shaped and 60 cm long by 7 cm wide. It is leathery. It tapers to the tip. The flower panicles are erect. They are 40-50 cm long by 4 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forests in S China.

NOTES

There are about 200-230 Alpinia species. They are mostly tropical and subtropical.

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