PLANT FACT SHEET

Curcuma alismatifolia Gagnepain

GENUS *Curcuma* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Siam tulip

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Shoots

The flowers are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. It grows 40-60 cm high. The underground stem or rhizome is yellow or white. There are root tubers present. There are about 4 leaves. They are narrowly oval. They are 25-35 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. The flowers are in the tufts of the leaves. They are cylinder shaped and 5-10 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It often grows on limestone soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds. It germinates best at about 20°C. Plants can be grown by division.

PICTURES



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