PLANT FACT SHEET

Culcasia falcifolia Engl.

GENUS *Culcasia* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Corm

DESCRIPTION

A vine. It climbs up tree trunks by attaching with its roots. It can grow 20 m tall. It can lie along the forest floor. The leaves are narrowly oval or sword shaped. The flowers are on short separate branches. They have a leathery boat shaped spathe around them. The fruit are red berries in dense heads. They are on stalks 8 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mid altitude and lower montane rainforest. It suits humid locations. It grows in the shade.

NOTES

There are about 20 Culcasia species.

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