PLANT FACT SHEET

Alocasia lancifolia Engl.

GENUS *Alocasia* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are recorded as eaten in some areas.

DESCRIPTION

A taro family plant. It is an erect robust herb. It has leaves that are long, large and upright. The leaves are mid green and with rather indistinct secondary veins. The leaves are oval and sword shaped. The base of the leaves has very small triangular lobes. The leaf like structure around the flower is bright green and barely opens. It becomes red and remains after the fruit appear. At the base of the plant is a corm made up of a fattened part covered with overlapping leaf bases. It has a lily type flower.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows wild in some lowland rainforest areas in Papua New Guinea. It prefers damp soil and is often near flowing water.

NOTES

There are about 60-70 Alocasia species.

PICTURES



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