PLANT FACT SHEET

Chlorophytum orchidastrum Lindley

GENUS *Chlorophytum* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Mandarin plant, Sierra Leone lily

DESCRIPTION

A lily plant that grows 20-40 cm high. The roots are thick and fleshy and form small tubers. The leaves are broad and sword shaped. They are in rings at the top of the rhizomes. It forms clumps. The flowers are are white and in spikes.

HABITAT

It needs a tropical or subtropical climate. It needs moist soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by division or using offsets or the bulbs. It can also be grown from seeds. These are collected from pods that dry on the plants.

NOTES

Also put in the family Anthericaceae and Liliaceae.

PICTURES



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