PLANT FACT SHEET

Arisaema dracontium (L.) Schott.

GENUS *Arisaema* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Green dragon, Dragon root

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Corm

The roots are dried and then cooked.
Caution: They contain calcium oxalate crystals so need this processing.

DESCRIPTION

A tuber plant which keeps growing from year to year. The leaf stalk is mottled. It is 80 cm high. There is a single leaf with leaflets which radiate. There are 7-15 oblong leaflets. These are 10-20 cm long. The flower appears below the leaves. The bract around the flower is narrow and hooded. It is green and 5-7 cm long. The flower spike is fleshy and 15 cm long. It is white at the base and forms threads and is green at the tip.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to the USA. It suits low lying woods on moist soils. Even though it goes dormant the soil should not be allowed to dry out. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

NOTES

There are about 150-170 Arisaema species.

PICTURES



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