PLANT FACT SHEET

Sauromatum horsfieldii Miq.

GENUS *Sauromatum* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corms, Roots

The corms are boiled and eaten.
Caution: Many plants in this group contain oxalates that burn the throat and affect calcium absorption.

DESCRIPTION

A large herb. It has a round tuber that produces annual offsets. The leaf stalk can be striped or spotted. It is green or purple. It is 35-60 cm long. The leaf blade is pale green underneath sometimes with scattered red spots. It is dark green above. There are 7-13 lobes. These are narrowly oval to sword shaped. The flower stalk is 5-20 cm long. The spathe around the flower can be red to brown with spots. It is pale inside.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests and grasslands between 100-3,100 m above sea level in south China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

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