PLANT FACT SHEET

Amorphophallus titanum Becc.

GENUS *Amorphophallus* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Titan arum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber

DESCRIPTION

A plant which can grow to 6 m tall and spread to 5 m wide. The tuber is round and 65 cm across. It does not have side tubers. The leaves are single. There is a smooth dark green leaf stalk. It has pale green spots. The leaf can be 7 m across. The leaflets are pointed and 40 cm long by 13 cm wide. The flower stalk is 30-70 cm long. The bract around the flower is bell shaped and fluted. It can be 40-1.5 cm long and 1.5 m wide. The outer surface is pale green and the inside rich dark red. The flower is very large and has a very strong bad smell. The flower can be 1 m across and 2 m high.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Sumatra in Indonesia. It grows up to 1,200 m altitude. It prefers rich moist well drained soils. It is drought and frost tender. It is best with an alkaline pH. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. They need to be sown fresh after removing the pulp of the berry. It can be grown from offsets of the tuber and by leaf cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 170-200 Amorphophallus species.

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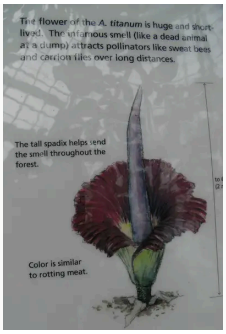

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