PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Gunnera magellanica* Lam.

**GENUS** *Gunnera* **FAMILY** Gunneraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Pigvine

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Leaves or stalks

The leaves are eaten raw or cooked.

## DESCRIPTION

A fleshy perennial herb. It grows 8-15 cm tall. The leaves are dark green and rounded or kidney shaped. They are 6 cm across. They are often bronze colour when young. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowers do not have petals and the sepals are only on female flowers.

## HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant. They grow in wet boggy conditions. It grows in the Antarctic. It grows in the most southern regions of South America. In Colombia it grows between 3,200 and 4,000 m altitude. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,800 m above sea level.

## NOTES

There are about 68 Gunnera species. They are in the southern hemisphere and in cool or cold places.

## PICTURES



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