PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Cyrtosperma johnstonii* (N. E. Br.) N. E. Br.

**GENUS** *Cyrtosperma* **FAMILY** Araceae

**COMMON NAMES** Red veined leaf

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Tubers, Corms, Roots

Like most plants in this group it presumably has oxalate crystals.
These can be removed by changing the cooking water while cooking.

## DESCRIPTION

A taro family herb. It can grow 1-3 m tall. The leaves are arrow head shaped and green with red veins. The flowers are dark purple to black. The spathe is blackish-purple and wraps around and tapers to a long tip. The fruit is an oval berry.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in damp locations and water. It can grow in light shade. It can grow in acid or neutral soils. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

It can be grown from offsets or corms. It can also be grown from cuttings.

## NOTES

It has anti-cancer potential.

## PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

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