PLANT FACT SHEET

Arisaema consanguineum Schott

GENUS *Arisaema* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Dragon plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

The leaves are boiled and eaten as a vegetable.
Caution: Like all plants in the Araceae family it can contain calcium oxalate.

DESCRIPTION

A herb which keeps growing from year to year. It is about 1 m high. It has a tuber. The plant has a single leaf with many leaflets. These have a long thin tail. The leaflets radiate out and there are 11-21 leaflets. The leaflets can be 40 cm long. The leaf stalk is 80 cm long. It often has dark spots. The bract around the flower is pink. It is slightly hooded. It can be 8-15 cm long. The flower forms a long green fleshy stalk with a long tail at the end. It can be 3 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Nepal it grows at 1600-2800 m altitude. It grows in most areas in subtropical forests. It is frost hardy. It suits hardiness zones 6-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from corms.

NOTES

There are about 150-170 Arisaema species.

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