PLANT FACT SHEET

Roscoea purpurea Smith

GENUS *Roscoea* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Bhordaya, Bhuin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

The boiled tubers are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb in the ginger family. It forms tubers. It grows about 50 cm high. It spreads about 12-15 cm wide. There are up to 8 leaves. The leaves sheath the base to form a false stem. The leaves are sword shaped and taper to the tip. The leaves are about 25 cm long. The flowers are violet. They can be 6 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in Nepal between 1500-3000 m altitude. It grows in open, moist places. It suits hardiness zones 6-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from tubers.

NOTES

There are about 18 Roscea species.

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