PLANT FACT SHEET

Doryanthes palmeri W. Hill ex Benth.

GENUS *Doryanthes* **FAMILY** Doryanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Palmer spear-lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots, Flowers

The flower stalk is soaked in water then roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

It is a large tussock forming lily plant. It grows 1-3 m high and spreads 1.5-6 m wide. The leaves are sword shaped or strap like. They are 3 m long and 20 cm wide. They are bright green. The flower stalk is 2-5 m tall. It has scattered small leaves. The flowers are about 6 cm long. They are reddish-brown. They are in heads at the top of the stalk. These heads can be 1 m long. The fruit is a dull greenish brown capsule. It is 7 cm long.

HABITAT

It can grow in warm temperate and temperate zones. It is damaged by drought or frost. It is best in light to medium, well-drained soils. It needs a protected, sunny position. It suits hardiness zones 10-12. Hobart Botanical Gardens. Melbourne Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or by division of the clump.

NOTES

There are 2 Doryanthes species.

PICTURES



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