PLANT FACT SHEET

Cymbidium madidum Lindley

GENUS *Cymbidium* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Buttercup Orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pseudobulbs

DESCRIPTION

An orchid. It has large pseudobulbs. The leaves are erect to arching. They can be 80 cm long. The flower stalks are arching or hang down. They can be 1.2 m long. It may produce 50 to 60 flowers. Each flower can be 2.5 cm long. The flowers have a slight sweet scent. The flowers are green to yellow.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and subtropical places. It can grow from sea level to 1,000 m altitude. It grows in rotting stumps. It can grow in heavy shade but also tolerate some sun. It is damaged by drought or frost. It needs humus-rich moist soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by division.

NOTES

They are used in medicine. There are about 40 Cymbidium species and thousands of hybrids.

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