PLANT FACT SHEET

Etlingera littoralis (J. Koenig ex Retz.) Giseke

GENUS *Etlingera* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Kedungkel

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Stems

The young stems are peeled and eaten raw or cooked.
The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. The false stems are 2-3 m high. It has slender underground stems or rhizomes. The leaf stalk is 0.5-3 cm long. The leaf blade is light brown underneath. It is oblong to sword shaped and 50-70 cm long by 9-15 cm wide. It tapers to a short tip. The flowers are at ground level. The flower head is about 10 cm across. There are 4-12 flowers opening together. They are red. The fruit is a round capsule. It is about 3 cm across and finely hairy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on the forest floors between 200-300 m altitude in Hainan in China. It grows up to 1,300 m above sea level in Malaysia. Cairns BG.

NOTES

There are about 70 Etlingera species.

PICTURES



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