PLANT FACT SHEET

Eulophia picta (R. Br.) Ormerod

GENUS *Eulophia* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Shepherd's Crook Orchid, Nodding Orchid, Pink nodding orchid, Pink shepherd's crook

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Rhizomes, Root, False bulbs

DESCRIPTION

A ground orchid that has a fleshy rhizome. It has round false bulbs and several broad leaves. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 20-40 cm high. They have crowded, fleshy pseudobulbs. They are 2-3 cm across. The leafy stem is 3-8 cm long. There are 3-5 leaves and they are 15-35 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They are oval or sword shaped. They are dark green with wavy edges. The flower stem is 15-30 cm long. The flowers are 2 cm across and pale pink or white.
It becomes bent over by the time the flowers are mature. The fruit are capsules 2-5 cm long. They are oval and have ribs along them.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in hot climates. It grows in rainforest in high rainfall areas. It needs light shade and good drainage. It grows on lighter soils including sand. In southern China it grows along stream sides and on grassy slopes between 300-2,400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by division or from seed sown under sterile conditions.

NOTES

There are about 16 Geodorum species.

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