PLANT FACT SHEET

Amorphophallus aphyllus (Hook.) Hutch.

GENUS *Amorphophallus* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Giant arum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Corm, Root

The tubers are dried then boiled to remove the bitter element, then eaten. They are also boiled for a long time and the cooking water changed 3 times. This normally removes oxalates.

DESCRIPTION

A fleshy herb. The leaves rise from the tuber. The tuber is about 5 cm across. The bract around the flower is dark purple-red and 30 cm high The leaves are produced after flowering. The berries are yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in woodland and savannah woodland.

NOTES

There are about 150 Amorphophallus species.

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