PLANT FACT SHEET

Sansevieria kirkii Baker

GENUS *Sansevieria* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Star sansevieria, Spotted snake plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A succulent plant. It is a herb without a stem. It has an underground stem of rhizome. The leaves are crowded and scaly. There are 3 leaves and they curve outwards. They are broadly strap shaped. They are 45-180 cm long by 6-9 cm wide and up to 1 cm thick. It grows up to 1.8 m high. The flower comes from a stalk in the centre of the plant. The flower arrangement is cone shaped. The flower is greenish-white. It has a scent like vanilla. The flowers bloom at night. The fruit is a round berry.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It can tolerate drought. It is best in sun but can tolerate some shade. In Brisbane Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by dividing the rhizomes and using bulbs or offsets. It can be grown from leaf cuttings.

NOTES

Also put in the family Dracaenaceae.

PICTURES



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