PLANT FACT SHEET

Calathea lutea (Aubl.) G. Mey.

GENUS *Calathea* **FAMILY** Marantaceae

COMMON NAMES Cachibou, Cuban cigar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - spice

The young leaves are used as a spice.
The older leaves are used to wrap food and add flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A large herb. It can be 5 m high. It grows in clumps. The leaves are large and paddle shaped. They are green. The flowers are yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in partly flooded or well drained sites. Brisbane Botanical gardens. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or pieces of the rhizomes. It can also be grown by division of the clump.

NOTES

The leaves are used for wax. There are 260-300 Calathea species in tropical America.

PICTURES



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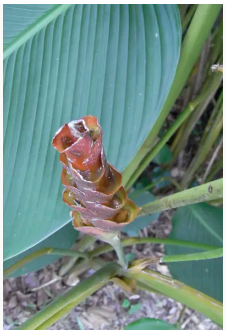

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