PLANT FACT SHEET

Amorphophallus krausei Engler

GENUS *Amorphophallus* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Corm, Root

The tuber is used for food production. It is used as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a root crop. The tuber is a flattened round shape. It is 5-30 cm across and 3-5 cm high. It produces offsets. These are long and thin. They can be 2-27 cm long by 4-10 mm across. There is a single leaf. The leaf stalk is dull white with dark green and brown spots. The leaf blade is 100 cm wide and has narrowly oval leaflets. These are 6-9 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. There is a single flowering stalk. The stalk is grey with green, brown or purple spots. This can be 25-125 cm long. It has an unpleasant smell. The spathe is 8-29 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in primary evergreen forests, forest margin, bamboo thickets, fire-prone or stream side below 1500 m altitude in southern China. It grows in Yunnan in China.

NOTES

There are about 170-200 Amorphophallus species.

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