PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhodospatha moritziana Schott

GENUS *Rhodospatha* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Mukunanch

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are used in soup and tamales.

DESCRIPTION

A taro family herb. The stem creeps over the ground. It grows 1 m long and is 5 cm wide. It has small roots along its length. The leaves are closely spaced and overlap. They are 30-50 cm long. and 2-5 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of the leaves.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics.

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