PLANT FACT SHEET

Acianthus fornicatus R. Br.

GENUS *Acianthus* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain giant orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber

DESCRIPTION

A small ground orchid. It grows 30 cm tall in flower. It has a small tuber and single leaf. The single leaf has a heart shaped base and is 5.5 cm long by 3.5 cm wide. The leaf is dull green above and reddish to purple below. There is one flower stalk at the top with several flowers. The fruit is an oval capsule. It is 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant.

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