PLANT FACT SHEET

Brachycorythis pleistophylla Rchb. f.

GENUS *Brachycorythis* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tuber

DESCRIPTION

An ground orchid. It is a herb that grows 40-90 cm tall. It has fleshy, woolly cylinder shaped roots. There are several overlapping leaves. These are 10 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. They are sword shaped and taper to the tip. The flowering stalk is 12-25 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. It has many flowers in a dense arrangement. The flowers are red to purple.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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