PLANT FACT SHEET

**Use with caution**

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

# *Alocasia brisbanensis* (F. M. Bailey) Domin

**GENUS** *Alocasia* **FAMILY** Araceae

**COMMON NAMES** Spoon lily

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Corm

Caution: It contains calcium oxalate crystals that can burn the throat.

## DESCRIPTION

A taro family plant. It looks very similar to Alocasia macrorrhiza. It is an erect herb. It grows 2 m tall. The stems are thick and fleshy. The leaves are alternate and very large. They can be 70 cm long by 60 cm across. The leaf stalk is usually inserted at the edge of the leaf. The flowers are close together along the stalk. These have a leafy spathe around them. The fruit are red oval berries.

## HABITAT

It grows in subtropical rainforest. Arboretum Tasmania.

## PICTURES



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