PLANT FACT SHEET

Dieffenbachia seguine (N. Jacquin) Schott.

GENUS *Dieffenbachia* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Spotted dumbcane

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, stem - starch

CAUTION: These are normally very poisonous plants. The oxalate cystals can inflame the throat. Baking soda (Bicarbonate of soda) is drunk in a glass of water as first aid.

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 0.9-1.8 m tall and spreads 45-60 cm wide. The stems are cane like. The leaves are large and leathery. They are oval with pointed tips. Several named varieties occur.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical America. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

NOTES

There are about (25) 114 Dieffenbachia species. They grow in tropical America.

PICTURES



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