PLANT FACT SHEET

Curcuma petiolata Roxb.

GENUS *Curcuma* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Pink tower Curcuma, Jewel of Thailand

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb with an underground stem and which dies back during the year. It grows 60 cm high. The leaves are broadly oval. They are 20-25 cm wide and 33 cm long. The flowers have a tube shaped lip which is golden. It has bracts with a pink edge. The flower head is cylinder shaped.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows well in a seasonally moist and dry climate. It needs a fertile, humus-rich, well-drained soil. It needs bright shade. It suits hardiness zones 8-12.

NOTES

There are about 50 Curcuma species. They are mostly in SE Asia.

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