PLANT FACT SHEET

Colocasia affinis Schott

GENUS *Colocasia* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Black princess taro

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Corm, Leaves

The leaves and leaf stalks are boiled and eaten.
Caution: Plants in this group can have oxalates.
The roots are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A taro like plant. It is a herb. It has trailing stolons. These are pale green and thin and can be 4-40 cm long. The leaves are oval with purple marks between the veins. There are 3-7 leaves. The leaf stalk is 20-45 cm long and cylinder shaped. The leaves are oval or heart shaped and 16-21 cm long by 13-16 cm wide. The leaves often have 4-6 pairs of large purple spots. The flowers are slender and yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in damp places. It grows in moist, shady places in forests and on hillsides in limestone between 800-1,400 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are 6-8 Colocasia species.

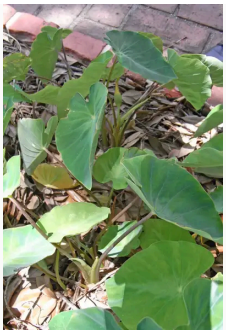
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