PLANT FACT SHEET

Marantochloa conferta (Bentham) A.C.Ley

GENUS *Marantochloa* **FAMILY** Marantaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Rhizome

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 45-100 cm high. The leaves are turned in one direction. These are at the base and along the stem. The leaf stalk is blackish-purple. There is a swelling at the base of the leaf 3 cm long. The leaf blade is oval and without hairs. It is 35-44 cm long and 15-22 cm wide. The tip is rounded but with a point. The upper surface is dark green and it is red-brown underneath. The flowering arrangement is shaped like a top. It is reddish-brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Cairns Botanical Garden.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or rhizome.

NOTES

There are about 20 Phrynium species. They grow in tropical Asia.

PICTURES



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