PLANT FACT SHEET

Leucocasia gigantea (Blume) Schott

GENUS *Leucocasia* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Thai giant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - flavouring, leaves

Caution: It can contain oxalates and these can be removed by changing the cooking water.
The leaf stalks are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It forms a tuber. It has a cluster of large leaves. It can grow 4 m tall.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It has been recorded up to 1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 12-17 Caladium species.

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