PLANT FACT SHEET

Orontium aquaticum Linn.

GENUS *Orontium* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Golden club

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Seeds, Flowers

Caution: The roots and seeds are toxic without proper processing.
The roots can be dried and made into flour.
The seeds are dried. They need to be boiled several times.
The flowers are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A taro family plant which grows in water. It grows to 30-45 cm high and 60-75 cm across. It has large thick rhizomes. The leaves are narrowly oblong. They can be under the water, floating on the water, or above the water. The leaves can be 25 cm long. The leaves often have a purple tint underneath. The flowers are small and bright yellow. These are near the top of cylinder shaped white flower stalks. The flower stalks are 18 cm long.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. A plant which grows in water. It can tolerate frost. It grows in deep mud. The water should not be more than 45 cm deep. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed. They can also be grown by dividing the rhizome.

NOTES

There is only one Orontium species.

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