PLANT FACT SHEET

**Edibility uncertain**

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

# *Hedychium greenii* W.W. Smith

**GENUS** *Hedychium* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Red ginger lily, Red butterfly ginger

## DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. It grows 1-1.6 m high. The leaves are dark green above and dull red underneath. The blades are sword shaped and 20-30 cm long by 8-10 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The flowers are bright red.

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In the Himalayas it grows between 1,000-1600 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 9b-12. In Cairns Botanical Gardens.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown by division of the clump. Small plants can also grown on the flwoering head and be used for planting.

## PICTURES



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