PLANT FACT SHEET

Haemodorum corymbosum Vahl.

GENUS *Haemodorum* **FAMILY** Haemodoraceae

COMMON NAMES Bloodroot

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulbs

The bulbs are eaten after roasting.

DESCRIPTION

A herb with keeps growing from year to year. The rootstock is a bulb. The plant grows to 1 m high. The leaves arise from the base of the plant. The leaves are smooth and narrow and slightly leathery. They have veins along them and are something like grass. The leaves are 45-74 cm long by 0.2-1 cm wide. They are a dull grey-green colour. They have a point at the tip and a V shaped with a sheath at the base. The flowers are a deep red colour. They are 0.5-1.2 cm long. The flowers occur at the end of long reddish stalks which come from the base of the plant. The fruit is a flattish round 3-lobed capsule. It is up to 1 cm across and red when ripe. It produces red juice when squeezed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally on shallow gravely soils.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It Australia, plants flower from November to March and fruit during the same period.

NOTES

There are about 20 Haemodorum species. They are mostly in Australia.

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