PLANT FACT SHEET

Dahlia imperialis Roezl ex Ortgies

GENUS *Dahlia* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Giant Dahlia, Tree dahlia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots - coffee, Leaves

The roots are ground and added to coffee like chicory.
The young leaves are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb which keeps growing from year to year. It grows 3-5 m high. The leaves are 20-25 cm long and have leaflets along the stalk. The leaflets are 5 cm long. They are downy. The leaflets have teeth along the edge. The leaf stalk forms a sheath around the stem at the base. The flowers are yellow in the centre and violet, pink or white on the outside. The flowers are 12 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs moderate moisture and a fertile, well drained soil. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It suits plant hardiness zones 8-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and cuttings.

PICTURES



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