PLANT FACT SHEET

Alocasia acuminata Schott.

GENUS *Alocasia* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Corms, Roots

The young shoots, tender leaves and the corms are cooked and eaten.
The harvested plants can be stored for about one week.
The leaf stalks are cooked and eaten in curries.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 75 cm tall. It forms tubers. It does not have an aerial stem. The stem usualyl lies along the ground and is 8-75 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The leaves have a stalk that joins the blade away from the edge. The leaves are oval and taper to the tip. They are 15-60 cm long by 8-20 cm wide. The leaf stalk is long. It sheaths the base. The flowers are a yellow spadix inside a yellow spathe The fruit are round and ornage-red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in damp places. It can grow in deep shade in wet forests. In southern China it grows between 600-1,800 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

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