PLANT FACT SHEET

Zingiber ottensii Valeton

GENUS *Zingiber* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Black ginger

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Rhizome, Root, Flavouring, Flowers

The rhizome is spicy.
The flowers are eaten raw or steamed as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A ginger herb which keeps growing from year to year. It has underground stems or rhizomes. The leafy shoots grow 1.5 m tall. The rhizome is purplish inside. The leaves are a long oval shape and 35-40 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. The flowers are in a spike. This is on a separate stalk 25-40 cm long. The bracts are 4 cm long. They bulge outwards with tips which point inwards. They are bright red. The spike is 10-12 cm long by 4 cm wide. The fruit are red capsules.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is cultivated. It grows in moist, partly shaded evergreen and monsoon forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by division of the rhizome and offsets.

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