PLANT FACT SHEET

Phyllotaenium lindenii Andre

GENUS *Phyllotaenium* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Angel's wings, White vein arrow-leaf

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tuber

The tuber is cooked and eaten.
Caution: Plants in this family usually contain oxalates.

DESCRIPTION

A taro family herb. It grows 60 cm tall. It dies back and re-grows. It has a tuber. The leaves are arrow head shaped and 40 cm long. They are deep green with white veins. There are 1 or 2 flowering shoots up to 25 cm long. The spathe is boat shaped and white. The fruit are along the spadix and are white, fleshy oval berries. They have several seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in tropical humid forests and forest floors. It grows near rivers and in damp sites up to 4,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or division of the tuber.

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