PLANT FACT SHEET

Cercestis mirabilis (N. E. Br.) Bogner

GENUS *Cercestis* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: leaves, Vegetable

The leaves are cooked in special preparations.

DESCRIPTION

A stout climber. It has long roots that hang down. There are also roots that clasp trees. It grows 3 m tall. The stem can be 5 cm across. The leaves are alternate and simple. The leaf stalk can be 1 m long. The leaves are a spear head shape and 100 cm long by 60 cm wide. It has deep irregular lobes along it. The flowering spadix is 7-17 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. It has a spathe around it that is green on the outside and paler inside. The flowers are of separate sexes with male flowers on the upper part of the spadix. The fruit is a pyramid shaped berry.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant It grows in the forest. It grows in lowland humid forests up to 400 m above sea level. Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

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