PLANT FACT SHEET

Amorphophallus yunnanensis Engl.

GENUS *Amorphophallus* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corm, Root, Stem

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a root crop. The tuber is dark brown. It is white or yellow inside. It is 13 cm across and 9 cm high and a flattened round shape. It develops offsets 2.5 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. There is one leaf. The leaf stalk is 10-80 cm tall and 1-2.5 cm wide. The leaf blade is highly divided and 190 cm across. The leaflets are more pale underneath. The leaflets are 10-40 cm long by 5-13 cm wide. The flower stalk is 13-60 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The spathe arches over the flower. The flower spadix is creamy white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In southern China it grows between 100-3,300 m above sea level. In Melbourne Botanical gardens. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 170-200 Amorphophallus species.

PICTURES



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