PLANT FACT SHEET

Tacca palmata Blume

GENUS *Tacca* **FAMILY** Dioscoreaceae

COMMON NAMES Gadung tikus, Tacca

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Starch

DESCRIPTION

A herb which has tubers and is dormant for part of the year. It grows 40 cm high. The leaves are at the base and are divided like fingers on a hand. They have 5 lobes. The leaves are 15-20 cm long. The leaf stalks is 30 cm long. The flowers are black to purple. They are nodding. The 2 main bracts are erect. There are 2 smaller bracts below. There are no threadlike bracts.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits seasonally moist and dry climates. It needs a fertile, humus-rich, well-drained soil. It needs a neutral to acid pH. It suits bright shade. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

NOTES

Also put in the family Taccaceae.

PICTURES



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