PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Remusatia vivipara (Roxb.) Schott.

GENUS *Remusatia* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Hitchhiker elephant ear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Tubers, Root, Corms

The young leaves are cooked as a vegetable.
The tubers are also cooked as a vegetable. (They need to be boiled often in a change of water to get rid of irritating crystals otherwise they are poisonous.) They are often cooked for a long time. They are also dried and stored.

DESCRIPTION

A herb which forms tubers. These are 2-4 cm across. It grows to about 30-50 cm high. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves have long stalks. These can be 30-50 cm long. The leaves are simple and 21-40 cm long by 15-18 cm wide. The leaves are almost round and taper to the tip. The leaves can be purple underneath. The bract around the flower is pinkish. The flower is a spike. This is about 17 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in humid tropical and subtropical places. In Nepal it grows between 1000-2600 m altitude. It grows in moist, shady places. It usually grows on trees. Coffs Harbour Botanical Gardens. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

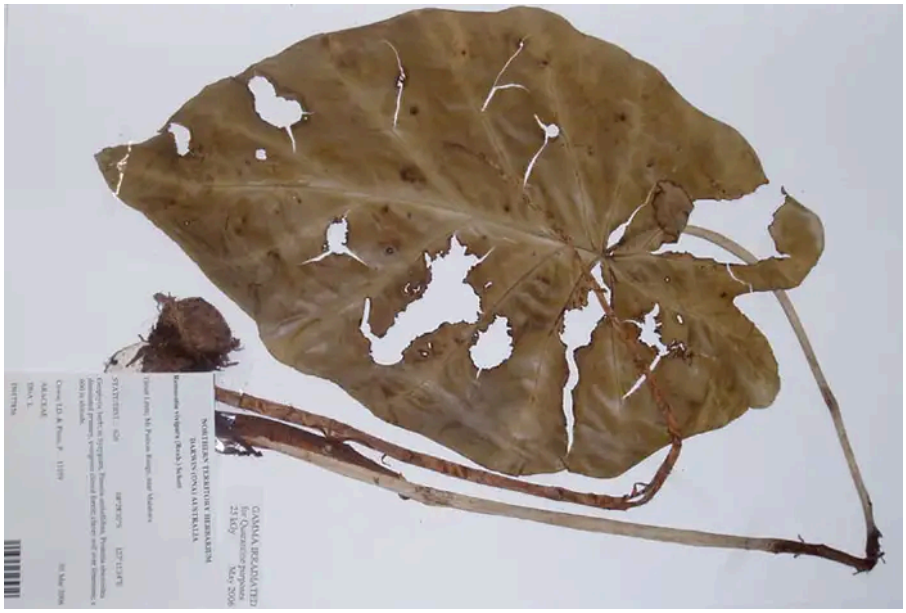
Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or by splitting the rhizome. It can be grown by bulbils of the shoots.

NOTES

There are 4 Remusatia species.

PICTURES



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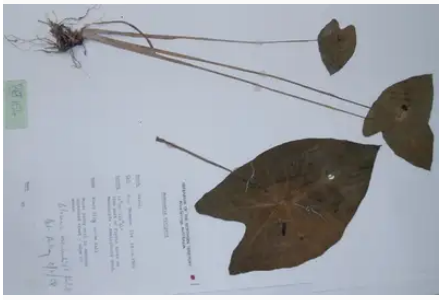

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