PLANT FACT SHEET

Curcuma aeruginosa Roxb.

GENUS *Curcuma* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Pink and blue ginger

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tips, Shoots, Rhizome - spice

The young tips are eaten.
The rhizomes are used as a spice.

DESCRIPTION

A herb in the ginger family. It grows 40-150 cm high. The underground rhizome is large and branched. It is 16 cm long by 3 cm wide. It is grey on the outside. The tips are white or pink. It is blue inside. The leaves are strap-shaped. The flowers are in a dense cylinder shaped group on a stalk from the base. The flowers are tube shaped and pink. The fruit is a narrowly oval capsule. The seeds have a fleshy layer around them.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in limestone areas. It grows in grassy places and teak forests up to 750 m above sea level. In Queen Sirikit BG.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or division of the rhizome.

NOTES

There are about 18-40-50 Curcuma species. They are mostly in SE Asia. It is used in medicine.

PICTURES



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