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.

Aloe greatheadii Schonland

GENUS *Aloe* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

COMMON NAMES Greathead's aloe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flower buds are eaten. They need to be boiled in 3 changes of water before use.
Caution: The flower buds can cause vomiting.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen succulent plant. The leaves can be 40 cm long. The leaves have a reddish-brown to deep green upper surface. There are reddish teeth along the edge. There can be 2 or 3 flower stalks from one ring of leaves. The flower stalk can be 1.4 m long. The flower heads are 20 cm long. The fresh buds are pink. The flowers have white stripes. Plants sucker and grow in groups.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It can grow in arid places. It grows on termite mounds. It suits hardiness zones 8-11. Coffs.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by division or by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 350-400 Aloe species.
Also put in the family Aloaceae.
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PICTURES



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