PLANT FACT SHEET

Curcuma rubescens Roxb.

GENUS *Curcuma* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Ruby ginger

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Rhizome, Root, Starch

The rhizomes yield a form of arrowroot starch.

DESCRIPTION

A large ginger family herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 60-90 cm tall. The stems are red or purple. The flowers are white with purple tips.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs moist soil. It can stand light shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by rhizomes or offsets.

NOTES

There are about 50 Curcuma species. They are mostly in SE Asia.

PICTURES



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