PLANT FACT SHEET

Alocasia odora (Lindl.) K. Koch.

GENUS *Alocasia* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Fragrant alocasia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corms, Root, Leaves, Stems, Vegetable, Flowers

The leaf stalks are cooked and eaten. They are peeled and cut into slices and then cooked with fish or other vegetables. They are also used in pickles.
The harvested stalks can be stored for about one week.

DESCRIPTION

A stout herb. It has spreading roots covered with long fleshy fibres. The stem is straight and thick. It has circular leaf scars along it. The leaves are arrow shaped. The base has two lobes and these are rounded. They are wavy. The leaf stalk is 60-80 cm long. It sheaths and stem at the base. The flowers are in a spadix that is a flattened cylinder shape and it has a scent.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in humus rich moist soil. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PICTURES



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