PLANT FACT SHEET

Eulophia hereroensis Schltr.

GENUS *Eulophia* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Stems

The stems are eaten raw and in other food dishes. They are also roast and crush them. They can be stored. The root bulbs are used as a vegetable and in soups. They can be bitter so are mixed with other plants.

DESCRIPTION

A terrestrial orchid. It is a herb with a bulb or corm. It can grow 25-55 cm high. The false bulbs can form a chain above or below the ground. There can be 7 leaves. They form a fan. They are 12-30 cm long and 1-2 cm wide. The flowering stem is 30-50 cm tall. There are several loose flowers. They are green and yellow with some purple and red marks.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid areas with a marked dry period. It can be on rocky, sandy or loamy soils including areas that are seasonally waterlogged. It grows between 715-1,700 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 250 Eulophia species.

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