PLANT FACT SHEET

Arisaema murrayi (J. Graham) Hook.

GENUS *Arisaema* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Murray's cobra lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Corms, Root, Leaves

The corms are cooked in water then eaten with salt and chilli.
They are soaked in water overnight to remove bitterness.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 30-50 cm tall. It has a corm about 3 cm across. It has a single leaf. The leaves have 5 or 6 leaflets. The spathe or leaf-like bract around the flower is white with a purple ring on the inside. It is 5-15 cm long and curves over at the top. The spadix or flower stalk in the centre curves out the top of the spathe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near Mumbai. It has been recorded up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from small tubers.

NOTES

There are about 150-170 Arisaema species.

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