PLANT FACT SHEET

Amorphophallus bulbifer (Roxb.) Blume

GENUS *Amorphophallus* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Bulbifer corpse flower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stalks, Tuber, Corm, Leaves, Stem, Buds, root

The leaf stalks are cooked and eaten. The shoots are boiled and eaten.
The tubers (corms) are cooked and eaten. They are often cooked with meat.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has round corms. They are 16 cm by 7-8 cm. The leaves are large and 1.5 m across. They are divided into leaflets. The stem is dark grey to green. They have white spots. The bulbils develop on the leaves. The flower spathe is 30 cm long by 20 cm wide and is pink inside. The flower group is a long tight bundle or spadix. This is 8-25 cm long and is pink. The flower emerges before the leaves.

HABITAT

A subtropical and tropical plant. It grows in monsoon forests up to 1,100 m above sea level. It grows in shady and moist areas in Bangladesh. Cairns Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from tubers. The top section should be planted below ground. They can also be grown from leaf cuttings, bulbils and seed.

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