PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Roeperocharis wentzeliana* Kraenzl

**GENUS** *Roeperocharis* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Tuber, Root

## DESCRIPTION

An orchid. It grows 30-85 cm tall. The leafy stems have up to 10 leaves and the lowest 2 sheath the stem. The flowering shoots are 5-17 cm long by 2-3 cm wide and they have many flowers. The flowers are green. The tubers are 2 cm long.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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