



PLANT FACT SHEET

Victoria amazonica (Poepp.) Klotsch

GENUS *Victoria* FAMILY Nymphaeaceae

COMMON NAMES Royal water lily, Amazon water lily, Giant water lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Stems, Roots

The seeds are roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A water lily. It is an annual plant which grows in water. It has a thick rhizome. The leaves are 2 m across. The edges of the leaves curve upwards. There are gaps near the leaf stalk and directly opposite. The leaves float. The leaves have a netlike appearance. They are coppery red underneath. There are prickles under the leaf and on the leaf stalk. The flowers last for 3-4 days. They come out at night and have a sweet smell. The flowers are 25-40 cm across. They start creamy white but change to pink then purple. There are 50-60 petals. They are white or cream with a tinge of red. The fruit are 15 cm across. The fruit is covered with spines. The seeds are 5 mm across. They are green but turn black. The plants are pollinated by beetles.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mud in water 1.2-2 m deep. They need water temperatures above 24°C. In XTBG Yunnan. It suits hardiness zones 10-12. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The temperature needs to be above 29°C. Flowers can be hand pollinated.

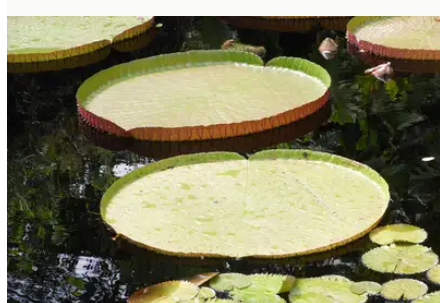
NOTES

There are 2 *Victoria* species in tropical America.

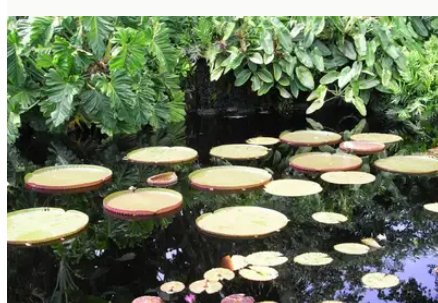
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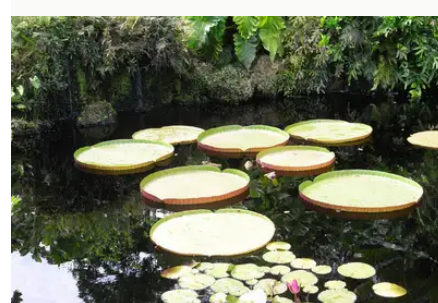
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