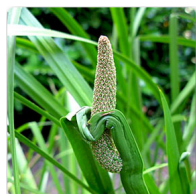


Acorus Calamus, Vekhand - Plant



With a strong aroma, this herb has rhizomes which resemble very closely to ginger. The growing plant is said to repel mosquitoes.

Rating: Not Rated Yet

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Description

Description for Acorus Calamus, Vekhand

The scented leaves and more strongly scented rhizomes have traditionally been used medicinally and to make fragrances, and the dried and powdered rhizome has been used as a substitute for ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg.

Its flowers are insignificant, but its leaves are aromatic and resemble the foliage of an iris. Sweet flag makes a striking statement at the shallow end of a pool, in a bog garden, or in a marshy woodland area.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
beewort, bitter pepper root, calamus root, flag root, gladdon, myrtle flag, myrtle grass, myrtle root, myrtle sedge, pine root, sweet flag	Green	Summer	Height: 2.00 to 2.50 feet Spread: 1.50 to 2.00 feet	Easy

Planting and care

Easily grown in average, medium to wet soils in full sun to part shade. Grows well in both boggy conditions (including shallow standing water to 9â€• deep) and consistently moist garden soils.

In water gardens, plant rhizomes slightly below the soil surface in moist soils at the water's edge or in containers set in shallow water. Rhizomes or existing clumps may also be planted in containers sunk into wet boggy areas to help prevent any possible aggressive spread.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun to part shade	Needs to grow in water less than 9 inches deep or in very moist soil.	Medium to wet	10 to 38°C	Use a slow release, medium-rate fertilizer

Caring for Acorus Calamus

Keep evenly moist-wet; prefers moisture, do not allow to dry out. Possible pests: aphids, occasional leaf spot, snails and slugs. Needs to grow in water less than 9 inches deep or in very moist soil. Plant in containers to control spread if desired. Divide every three or four years, at the beginning of the growing season.

Harvesting

They are harvested in late autumn or early spring and are dried for later use.

Typical uses of Acorus Calamus

Special features: The essential oil is an insect repellent and insecticide. It is effective against houseflies. When added to rice being stored in granaries it has significantly reduced loss caused by insect damage because the oil in the root has sterilized the male rice weevils. The leaves and the root have a refreshing scent of cinnamon[245]. All parts of plant can be dried and used to repel insects or to scent linen cupboards.

Culinary use: The rhizome is candied and made into a sweetmeat. It can be peeled and washed to remove the bitterness and then eaten raw like a fruit. It can also be used as a flavouring. The dried and powdered rhizome has a spicy flavour and is used as a substitute for ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg. The leaves can be used to flavour custards in the same way as vanilla pods. The inner portion of young stems is eaten raw[62]. It makes a very palatable salad.

Ornamental use: The leaves are used in basket making or woven into mats. They have also been used as a thatch for roofs. An essential oil from the rhizome is used in perfumery and as a food flavouring.

Medicinal use: The root is used internally in the treatment of digestive complaints, bronchitis, sinusitis etc. It is said to have wonderfully tonic powers of stimulating and normalizing the appetite. It is a folk remedy for arthritis, cancer, convulsions, diarrhoea, dyspepsia, epilepsy etc. Chewing the root is said to kill the taste for tobacco.

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