

## Native Ginger



**FAMILY:** Zingiberaceae

**HABIT:** A clumping plant with large leaves. Erect stems to 1.5m rise from a creeping rhizome.

**LEAVES:** Large, alternate, light green borne in single plane on opposite sides of the stem. A form with red underneath the leaves is particularly attractive.

**FLOWER/FRUIT:** White flowers in terminal inflorescences throughout year, followed by blue globular fruits, about 1cm in diameter containing a number of seeds.

**PROPAGATION:** From fresh seed or by division of rhizome.

**LOCAL HABITAT:** Rainforest / riverine.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Eastern Queensland and New South Wales.



**GENERAL:** This attractive feature plant needs adequate water, a well composted soil, partial or heavy shade and maybe used indoors.

Young growing tips of creeping rhizome have a distinct ginger flavour.

Fruit is edible and attractive to a variety of fauna.



**REFERENCES:** Wrigley & Fagg, 2003 *Australian Native Plants: Cultivation, Use in Landscaping and Propagation*.