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SPECIES

Alpinia caerulea 'Red'

COMMON NAME

Native Ginger, Blue Berry Ginger

ORIGIN

Eastern Australia

DESIGN USE

A great understorey plant as its vigorous root system will allow it to establish quickly.



HEIGHT

3m

HABIT

Understorey perennial herb

FORM

An evergreen clump-forming plant with erect fleshy stems. Leaves are up to 40 cm long and 3-10 cm wide. Large, glossy leaves.



FLOWERS

The inflorescence is 10-30cm long. Long spikes of white, tubular, shell-like flowers borne for most of the year in warm regions

FLOWERING PERIOD

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FRUIT

The blue capsule is globose 1cm across, with a brittle outer covering containing black seed and white pulp. Both the berries and stem tips are edible and were eaten by the aboriginal people of northern Australia.



VARIATIONS

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CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Growing under rainforest, gallery forest and wet sclerophyll forest canopy

HORTICULTURE

Light to heavy shade. It prefers moist shady areas, but can tolerate some sunlight. Propagation by seeds.



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