

Kaempferia galangal L.



Habit: Herb

Description: A perennial aromatic herb with very fragrant underground parts; leaves two or more, spreading flat on the ground, round ovate, thin, deep green, petioles very short, channelled; flowers white with purplish spots in the axillary fascicles, corolla tube 2.5 cm long, connective of anther produced in to a quadrate two-lobed appendage; fruits oblong, 3-celled and 3-valved capsules, seeds arillate. The underground rhizome has one or more prominent, vertically oriented tuberous root stock and many small secondary tubers and roots, their tips becoming tuberous.

Taxonomy:

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| Kingdom | Plantae |
| Division | Tracheophytes |
| Class | Angiosperms |
| Order | Zingiberales |
| Family | Zingiberaceae |
| Genus | Kaempferia |
| Species | <i>Kaempferia galanga</i> L. |

Uses: *K. galanga* is a Traditional Chinese Herb Medicine (TCHM), which has been applied to treat cold, dry cough, toothaches, rheumatism, hypertension and so on. In addition, it has been used widely as spices since its highly aromas.

Reference: Indian Biodiversity Portal, NCBI