

Alocasia odora

<p>Scientific classification</p> <p>Kingdom : Plantae Clade : Angiosperms Order : Alismatales Family : Araceae Genus : <i>Alocasia</i> Species : <i>A. odora</i></p>	
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Description

This plant grows to about 0.5–1.6 m high, with rhizomes of about 4–10 m high and 3–5 cm wide. The leaves are big and blade-shaped, ovate, light green with cordate base. The petioles are 0.3–1.0 m long, with the lower parts clasped around the stem.

Uses

Alocasia odora (called Ray) can be used as medicine for the treatment of common cold in North Vietnam. The plant is actually inedible when raw because of needle-shaped raphides (calcium oxalate crystals) in the plant cells. In Japan, there are several cases of food poisoning by accidental consumption