

***Zantedeschia aethiopica***  
**Commonly: Arum Lily**  
**Vascular Plant Family: Araceae**  
Flowers late winter and spring

*Zantedeschia aethiopica* is a perennial herb with a swollen underground stem. It is native to South Africa but is now widespread through several Australian States.



The basal leaves are dark green and glossy. The base is heart-shaped and the apex is pointed up to 25cm long and 12cm wide.



The inflorescence is small yellow column of tiny flowers surrounded by a single white sheath. The sheath is open and funnel-shaped up to 15cm long and 10cm wide.



The column of flowers has male flowers in the upper section and female flowers in the lower shorter section. The flowers are yellow with no petals.



The fruits occur in the lower section of the original flower sheath. In this photograph the fruit are young but with age become a yellow-orange berry.



\*Indicates it is a weed