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Gunnera tinctoria



Common name: Nalca, Giant Rhubarb

Height: 2 m

Growing: fast

Foliage: extremely big green rhubarb-like leaves.

Flowers / Fruits: forms an antenna-like spike filled with purplish-brown flowers.

Site: light shade to shade

Soil: acidic to alkaline

Irrigation: abundant

Hardiness: hardy -15°C

Long description: Despite its name the Giant Rhubarb is not related to the edible rhubarb as we know it. This impressive plant should be planted in a moist soil (preferably near a lake, canal or pond). The leaves of this strange plant can grow up to 1,5 meters big! A huge antenna-like spike with purplish-brown flowers will be formed from the center of the plant. In winter the plants die back to the ground. The foliage of the plant, which has fallen down on the ground, will then serve as protection against frost. The decomposing leaves will eventually enrich the soil again. Early spring the new growth of the Gunnera will start again. A similar species is Gunnera manicata. This variety is known to grow even bigger than the tinctoria; up to 2,5-3 meters big!

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