

***Arisaema flavum* and its subspecies**

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Arisaema flavum* (Forsk.) Schott *subsp. flavum

Small inflorescence, quite dark inside, spathe short, green, or yellowish, purple within, streaked with green; tube globose striated and strellised, spathe-limb longitudinally dark striped inside and no trace of a dark blotch appears at the throat (junction of the blade and the tube). The area occupied by the female flowers is "three times less than the male flower

***Arisaema flavum* (Forsk.) Schott *subsp. abbreviatum* (Schott) Murata**

This is the usual plant encountered today in the trade: it is smaller than *subsp. flavum* and even dwarf forms can be found. The inflorescence, one of the smallest in the genus, appears slightly later than the leaves and remains at their level. The blade is yellow inside and outside, only faint white lines can be seen. A dark purple blotch conspicuously decorates the throat of the spathe where it often looks like a flying bird. In this subspecies, female flowers approximately balance male ones.

***Arisaema flavum* (Forsk.) Schott *subsp. tibeticum* J. Murata**

This subspecies is the tallest and has the largest inflorescence, much larger than those of its Himalayan relatives. Here, as in *A. nepenthoides*, the spathe appears before the leaves unfurl and eventually exceeds their height. The bright large yellow spathe blade is erect and has no purple blotch at the throat. The upper part of the tube is hardly stained inside with only a few horizontal purple dots.