

Provenance for *Hydnophytum formicarum* from Quezon Province on the Island of Luzon in the Philippines:

I got my original material of this species as seed collected off a wild plant growing as an epiphyte on a mountain range in Quezon Province on the Island of Luzon in the Philippines. The seeds were collected in September of 2006 by Merlin Sy of Pinoy Plants. I received and planted four seeds on October 24, 2006. Only two seeds germinated and only one plant survived.

This species stays small and starts reproducing very early. I have had plants only 2-12 inches tall produce flowers and fruits. The caudex is round and eventually forms ridges that make it look like a miniature pumpkin. It is sometimes sold as *Hydnophytum formicarum* "pumpkin"

Here is a photo of the plant I will be sending you. It was sown as a seed on May 1, 2017. It is now growing in a 2-1/2 inch pot and is currently making flowers and fruits.



