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Calamus siphonospathus Mart. ex Walp.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A cane or rattan. The stems are single. It is climbing and can be 30 m long. The stems are 3-5 cm wide. The leaf sheaths are yellowish brown and with needle-like spines 1 cm long. The leafy stalk is 2 m long with 25-50 narrow leaflets on each side. They are arranged regularly and closely spaced. The flowering shoot is 60 cm long. The fruit are yellowish brown. They are 6 mm long by 4 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in scrub forests at low elevations. It grows between 200-550 m above sea level. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

There are 375-400 Calamus species. There are 175 species in tropical Asia.

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