PLANT FACT SHEET

Trachyphrynium braunianum (K. Schum.) Baker

GENUS *Trachyphrynium* **FAMILY** Marantaceae

COMMON NAMES Dane

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit - aril

The seeds are eaten raw as a sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It has underground stems or rhizomes. It keeps growing from year to year. The stems are like a thick stemmed grass and are somewhat woody. It grows 2-3 m tall. It forms a tangled clump. The leaves vary between 6-20 cm long by 2-10 cm wide. The flowering shoots are spike like and 20 cm long. The flowers are white or pink and 2 cm long. The fruit are orange-yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows as an under-shrub in forests in West Africa, often near water.

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