PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus vitiensis Warb. ex Becc.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Solitary lawyer vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stem sap drunk, Shoots

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DESCRIPTION

A climbing palm or rattan. It is a large plant with solitary stems which can be 35 m long. They are 5 cm across. The leaves are 4 m long. They are slightly arching. The leaflets are limp and hang downwards. They are broadly sword shaped and dark glossy green. They are about 40 cm long. It climbs by 2 m long stalks on the ends of the leaves.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the rainforest. It grows from sea level to 1600 m altitude in Vanuatu.

NOTES

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

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