PLANT FACT SHEET

Livistona muelleri F. M. Bailey

GENUS *Livistona* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Cairns Fan Palm, Cape York fan palm, Dwarf Fan Palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cabbage, Palm heart

The palm heart has been recorded as edible.
It would not be normal to use this as it would kill the palm.

DESCRIPTION

A fan palm. It is a sturdy palm. It grows to 12-20 m high. It is often smaller. The trunk is 25 cm across. The trunk has rings of old leaf base scars. The crown is dense. The leaves are stiff and dark green. The leaf stalks are 1 m long. The leaves are circular and flat. The flowers are dull yellow on a dense flower arrangement that is in the centre of the crown. The fruit are oval and 1.5 cm long. They are deep brown to black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in open forest in NE Queensland in Australia. It suits tropical and subtropical locations. It requires an open position and well drained soil. It grows in monsoonal savannah. In Cairns Botanical Gardens. In Townsville palmetum. It suits hardiness zones 11-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed take 4-8 months to germinate.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is very slow growing.

NOTES

There are 28 Livistona species.

PICTURES



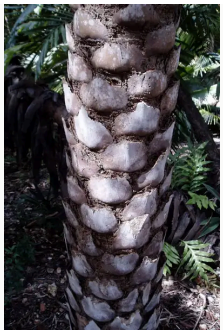
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