PLANT FACT SHEET

Veitchia arecina Becc.

GENUS *Veitchia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Arecina palm, Montgomery palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm hearts, Cabbage

The palm hearts are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tall slender palm. It grows about 12-30 m high. It spreads 6 m wide. The trunk is 20 cm across and enlarged near the base. The crown-shaft is green. The fronds are stiff and are horizontal or arch over slightly. The leaves are 2-3 m long. The leaflets spread widely. The end of the tip ends at an angle. The flowering stalk is stout and yellow. The flowers are green. The fruit are bright red and oblong. They are 4.5 cm long. They are produced below the crown-shaft.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist rainforests and coastal forests. It can stand wind including salt laden winds. It suits coastal locations. It needs well drained soils. It suits plant hardiness zones 10-12. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plant can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are 8 Veitchia species. They are palms in the Pacific.

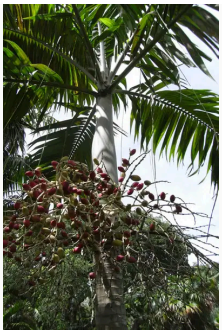
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