PLANT FACT SHEET

Bactris horrida Oerst.

GENUS *Bactris* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are mashed and used to make a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small palm. It has stems in a clump. They grow 2-3 m high and are 3-4 cm across. They are very spiny and the dead leaf bases sheath the stem. The spines are 8-10 cm long and 4 sided. The leaves are 1 m long with a sheath 20 cm long. The segments of the leaf are 16 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. They are rigid and sword shaped.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

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