PLANT FACT SHEET

Botrypus virginianus (L.) Michx..

GENUS *Botrypus* **FAMILY** Ophioglossaceae

COMMON NAMES Rattlesnake fern

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

The plant is boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large succulent fern. It has stems up to 50 cm tall. The sterile blade in thin and triangle shaped and 15 cm long. The spore sacs have long stalks.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in rich lowland forest in Canada.

NOTES

There are about 25-40 Botrychium species.

PICTURES



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