PLANT FACT SHEET

Thrinax radiata Lodd. ex Schult. & Schult.f.

GENUS *Thrinax* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Florida thatch palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A palm. The stems are 1.5-12 m tall. They are 6-13 cm across. The leaf sheath has fine fibres. The leaf stalk is 36-94 cm long. The leaf blade has 51-63 leaflets. The middle ones are 0.7-1.1 m long. They are lighter green underneath. The flowering stalk does not arch over and is not longer than the leaves. There are 13-21 primary branches. The branches are smooth at flowering time. The fruit are round and 7-8 mm across. They are white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in coastal regions on limestone or sandy soils close to the sea. It is very tolerant to drought. In Townsville Palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

The leaves are used to weave hats.

PICTURES



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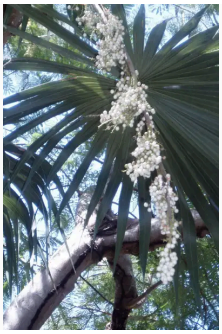

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