PLANT FACT SHEET

Allagoptera leucocalyx (Drude) & Kunze

GENUS *Allagoptera* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Buri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Palm heart

The fat is extracted from the seeds by repeated boiling and skimming.
The flesh of the fruit is eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A small clumping palm. The trunk is underground. The leaves are in a small crown. They are greyish-green. The fronds are 1.5 m long. They have leaflets along the stalk. The leaflets are pointed and leathery. They are in groups of 2 or 3 along the stalk. The flowers are in a spiral. The fruit are oval and hairy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It survives in places that are often burnt. In Bolivia it grows up to 500 m altitude. In Argentina it grows between 100-1,100 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

There are between 40-100 seeds in each fruit.

NOTES

There are 4 Allagoptera species.

PICTURES



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