PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordyline petiolaris (Domin) Pedley

GENUS *Cordyline* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Broad-leaf Palm-lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Heart, Rhizome, Root

DESCRIPTION

A slender plant. It grows 1.5-5 m high and spreads 1-2.2 m wide. The stems can form clumps. The stems are woody and fibrous. The leaves are broad. They are sword shaped and 60 cm long. They are on 25 cm long rolled leaf stalks. The flowers are purple and hang in strings. The fruit are shiny bright red berries.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate to tropical places. It needs well drained soil. It is best with light shade. It suits hardiness zones 10-12. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The fruit can be planted or the flesh removed then the seeds planted. Seeds usually germinate in 2-4 weeks. Plants can also be grown from stem cuttings or division of the root.

NOTES

There are 15-20 Cordyline species.
Also put in the family Laxmanniaceae.

PICTURES



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