PLANT FACT SHEET

Dracaena pearsonii (N. E. Br.) Byng & Christenh.

GENUS *Dracaena* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Spiky mother-in-law's tongue

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots - water, Roots

The roots are sucked for their moisture.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It does not have an above ground stem but has underground stems or rhizomes. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1.2 m high. The leaves are succulent. They are erect and fleshy with a sharp spine at the end. They form a ring. They are 3 cm across. The flowers are white or light red. They are in clusters of up to 6. The fruit are bright orange berries on an erect flower stalk. The flower stalk can be 50-60 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot arid places. It grows in loamy sands. It grows between 315-1,565 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

Also put in the family Dracaenaceae.

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