PLANT FACT SHEET

Dracaena mannii Baker

GENUS *Dracaena* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Asparagus tree, Small-leaved dragon tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers, Vegetable

The very young shoots are eaten like asparagus.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It can grow 15-30 m tall. The trunk is branched. It can have stilt roots. The leaves are narrow and in rings at the top of the plant. The leaves are 50 cm long. The flowers are at the end. The flowers are greenish-white. The fruit are orange red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the forest in West Africa. In Malawi it grows between 500-1,600 m altitude. It grows on the edges of evergreen forest. It can be on forests along rivers, in palm groves and along the edges of mangroves.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from fresh seeds. It can also be grown from large cuttings. It re-grows after cutting.

NOTES

There are about 40-60 species of Dracaena. Also put in the family Dracaenaceae.

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