PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus henryanus Becc.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Waixigai, Leiaxi, Wai namlee

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Shoots

The fruit are eaten raw.
The shoots are eaten as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A rattan. The stems are in clusters. They climb to 20 m tall. They are 1.8 cm wide. The leaf sheaths have mottled red brown hairs. There are spines 2 cm long. The leaf stalks are 1.3 m long with 30-45 narrow leaflets on each side. These are arranged regularly. The middle leaflets are 15-40 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flowering shoots are 4.5 m long. The fruit are yellowish brown and round or oval. They are 1-2 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows below 1300 m altitude in Yunnan in China. It grows in monsoon forest. In Laos it grows between 450-1,300 m altitude. In Sichuan.

NOTES

There are 375-400 Calamus species. There are 175 species in tropical Asia.

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