PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordyline manners-suttoniae F. Muell.

GENUS *Cordyline* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Palm lily, Giant palm lily, Swamp palm lily

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The roots were eaten after processing.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub. It can grow to 5 m tall. It forms large clumps. The leaves are broad and sword shaped. They taper to the base and have a pointed tip. They are 30-90 cm long by 5-18 cm wide. The stalk rolls inwards. The flowers are white. They are 1-1.5 cm long. They are borne in panicles which have many branches and are 20-90 cm long. The fruit are red berries. These are crowded together and are 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows naturally in rainforests in Queensland in Australia. It needs a rich well-drained soil. It needs a shady protected position. In the Cairns Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

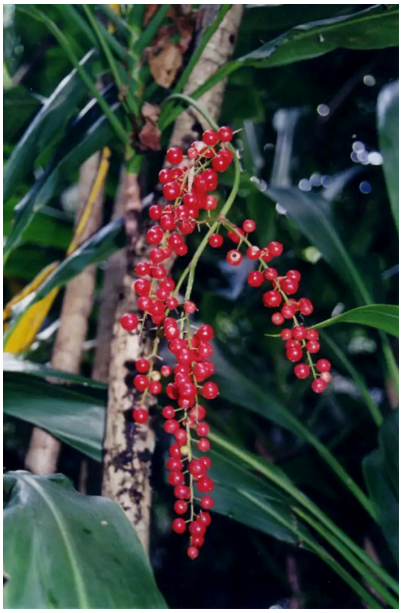
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed, division of the rhizome or stem cuttings.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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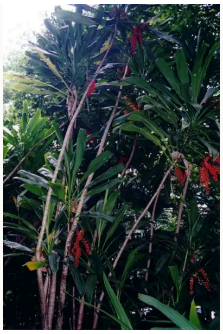

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