PLANT FACT SHEET

Pritchardia beccariana Rock.

GENUS *Pritchardia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Loulou palms

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten while immature.

DESCRIPTION

A slender fan palm. It grows to 18 m tall. Trunks are 20-30 cm across. The trunk has close rings. The crown is open and rounded. The leaf stalks are 1-1.5 m long. There are greyish-brown fibres at the base. The leaves are large. They are bright green and somewhat scaly underneath. The fan like leaves are divided for about 1/4 of their depth. The tips of the leaflets droop slightly. The fruit are large and shiny black. They are oval and 2.5-3.5 cm long.

NB Several Pritchardia of Hawaii have edible immature fruit. See Jones, D.L., 1994, Palms throughout the World. Smithtonian Institution, Washington. p 54, 311
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HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest on the windward slopes up to 1200 m altitude in Hawaii. It needs a sunny position and well drained soil.

NOTES

There are about 30-40 Pritchardia species.

PICTURES



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