PLANT FACT SHEET

Geonoma pohliana subsp. weddelliana (H. Wendl. ex Drude) A. J. Hend.

GENUS *Geonoma* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seed

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It may grow 1-5 m tall. The stem is 1-2 cm wide. It produces a cluster or slender stems. There are 8-13 leaves per trunk. The leaves are 1.7 m long. The leaves have about 4-42 leaflets on each side of the leaf. The flowering stalk is 6-25 cm long. (The leaves and flowers vary with altitude.) The flowers are purple. The fruit are round and red. The fruit are about 7-10 mm long by 5-8 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in seasonally dry areas. It grows in swamps. It grows up to 1,600 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seeds are slow to germinate.

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