PLANT FACT SHEET

Freycinetia percostata Merr. & Perry

GENUS *Freycinetia* **FAMILY** Pandanaceae

COMMON NAMES Veiny Climbing Pandan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The flesh is edible in small amounts but it may sting the mouth and throat.

DESCRIPTION

A root climber. It is woody and bushy. The stems are 2 cm across. The leaves are simple and 38-52 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are organised in spirals around the stem. The edges of the leaves on the underside have teeth. The flowering cluster has bright orange to pink bracts underneath it. These are 20 cm long. There are 3-4 female heads which are 5-6.5 cm long by 0.8-0.9 cm wide. They are like a cylinder. The male spikes are 9-13 cm long by 0.6-0.8 cm wide. They are pale orange. The fruit are 14-30 cm long by 2.5-4.5 cm wide and occur singly or in twos. They have many small seeds. The flesh is edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It needs a shady location. It needs a sturdy tree trunk to climb. It grows naturally in rainforests in NE Queensland in Australia. It grows from sea level to 450 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 100-175 Freycinetia species.

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