PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus warburgii Schumann.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Claudie River Lawyer Vine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The green juicy flesh layer under the skin but around the seed is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing palm with many thorns. It forms large clumps. The stems are 35 m long and 2.5 cm wide. The leaves are 2.6 m long. The leaves climb upwards but arch over. The leaves have 80-100 shiny-green leaflets. The leaflets are 25 cm long and 2 cm wide. The leaf sheath has spines about 5 cm long. The leaflets are limp and regularly spaced. They taper towards the tip. There are 4 m long stalks at the ends of many leaves which helps the plant climb. The fruit hangs in clusters from fruiting branches. Fruit are 1 cm across and pale greenish white with a scaly surface.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in lowland areas. It is very frost sensitive. They need a well-drained soil. Seedlings need to be in the shade. In northern Australia it grows from sea level to 400 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seed germinate in 3-4 months. Seed need to be sown fresh. Seedlings are difficult to transplant.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruiting is seasonal.

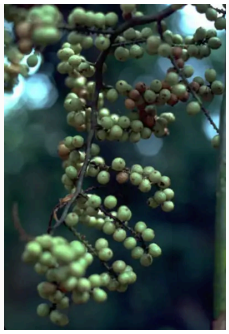
NOTES

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

PICTURES



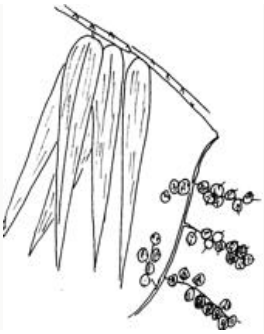
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