PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyathea brunoniana (Wall. ex Hook.) C. B. Clarke & Baker

GENUS *Cyathea* **FAMILY** Cyatheaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pith - starch

The soft pith is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A tree fern. The trunk can be 10-12 m tall. The fronds can be 2-3 m long. They are divided 2 or 3 times. The stalk is smooth and can have pale thin scales near the base. The spore bodies or sori are in 2 rows and are prickly. They are along the main veins and covered with a half round cup.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Sikkim it grows between 1,200-2,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 800 Cyathea species.

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