PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyperus haspan L.

GENUS *Cyperus* **FAMILY** Cyperaceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf papyrus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Ash - salt, Root

Potash salt is recovered by burning this plant.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a soft sedge. It grows 15-60 cm high. The stems forms tufts or can creep short distances. The leaves are reduced to scales which sheath the stem. The culms are 15-60 cm high. They can be flat or 3 angled. The bracts are 5-7.5 vm long. The spikelets are small and shiny brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical places and into warm temperate regions. It grows in damp spots. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or division.

NOTES

There are 550 Cyperus species.

PICTURES



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