PLANT FACT SHEET

Benstonea thwaitesii (Martelli) Callm. & Buerki

GENUS *Benstonea* **FAMILY** Pandanaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A screwpine. It is a densely branched shrub. It grows 1-4 m tall. It has prop roots. The leaves are long and narrow. They are 2.5 m long by 4 cm wide. There are spines along the edge. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The individual nuts are 4 cm long in groups forming a flattened round head 9-12 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowlands. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown as a hedge or live fence.

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