PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Plectocomia pierreana Beccari

GENUS *Plectocomia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The shoots are eaten.
Caution: It is claimed it can reduce a man's sexual potency!

DESCRIPTION

A rattan. The stems grow in clusters. They are 35 m long and 1-9 cm wide. The leaf sheaths are green with a brown coating and yellowish-brown needle like spines 2 cm long. The leafy stalk is 3 m long with 25-40 leaflets on each side. They are rboadly sword shaped and the middle ones are 20-55 cm long by 2-5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Indochina it grows in evergreen forests between 300-1,000 m altitude. In Yunnan.

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