PLANT FACT SHEET

Asparagus setaceus (Kunth) Jessop

GENUS *Asparagus* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Feathery asparagus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Vegetable

The plants is eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen vine. It is twining or trailing. It has strong thorns. The stems are wiry and it climbs 2 m high. The leaves are small and flat and arranged like a feather. The flowers are small and white. They are 3 mm long. The fruit are red to black berries. They have 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open forest. It is best in moist soil and a partly shaded position. It is damaged by frost and drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or division of the rhizome.

PICTURES



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