PLANT FACT SHEET

Wallichia oblongifolia Griff.

GENUS *Wallichia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan dwarf fishtail palm, Wallich's dwarf fishtail palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems - starch

The stems are used for the preparation of an intoxicating drink.
Starch is extracted from the stems and used as a famine food.

DESCRIPTION

A small clustering palm. It grows 2 m tall. The fronds arch over. They have fishtail like leaflets. They are silvery white underneath. The leaves are arranged in spirals. There are 16 or 17 pinnae on each side of the stalk. The fruit are greenish-brown and 1.5 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the Himalayas up to 1,600 m above sea level. It suits a warm, sheltered moist site. In Yunnan.

PICTURES



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