PLANT FACT SHEET

Bactris hirta Mart.

GENUS *Bactris* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A palm. The stems are 50 cm to 3 m tall and 1-2 cm across. There are 3-8 leaves. These have spines in clusters and are black. The fruit are 5-8 mm across and orange to red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is usually below 350 m above sea level.

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