PLANT FACT SHEET

Aiphanes linearis Burret

GENUS *Aiphanes* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Linear ruffle palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A clumping palm. The trunk can be 6 m high. It has long black spines which bend backwards. The fronds are about 2.5 m long. There can be 80 leaflets. The leaflets are narrow and rigid. They are 45 cm long by 3.5 cm across. They are clustered in groups of 2-4 along the stalk. The fruit have yellow hairs over them. The seeds are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the high altitude rainforests at about 1800-2300 m altitude in Colombia.

NOTES

This is a palm under threat of extinction. Plants should be cultivated before harvesting, not collected from the wild. There are about 38 Aiphanes species. They grow in tropical America.

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