PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus gracilis Roxb.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

DESCRIPTION

A rattan. The stems are in clusters. It climbs to 30 m tall. The stems are 2 cm across. The leaf sheaths are green and mottled with dark brown and white hairs. There are only a few small spines. The leaf stalks are 70 cm long with 8-15 narrow leaflets on each side. These are arranged in regularly groups widely spaced.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in evergreen forest between 300-850 m altitude. In southern China it is in lowland rain forests between 800-1,500 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 375-400 Calamus species. There are 175 species in tropical Asia.

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