PLANT FACT SHEET

Itaya amicorum H. E. Moore

GENUS *Itaya* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Xila, Marimiipa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Ash - salt, Fruit

Salt is extracted from the burnt stems.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It has a single stem. It grows 4 m high and the trunk is 9-10 cm across. The leaves form a wide crown. The leaf stalks are long. The blade is round. It is about 2 m across. It is split to the base into 10-16 equally broad leaflets. The leaves are silvery grey and white underneath. The flowering stalk has several flowering branches. These can be 10 cm long. The fruit are almost round.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows as an understory plant. It grows in wet areas along rivers in the Amazon. It grows below 300 m altitude. In Townsville Palmetum.

PICTURES



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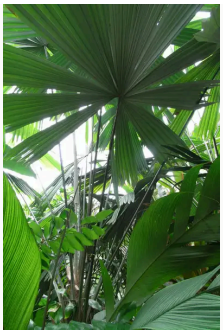

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