PLANT FACT SHEET

Yucca gigantea Lem.

GENUS *Yucca* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Guatemala yucca, Spineless yucca

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flowers are boiled or fried and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree like plant. It grows 3-10 m tall. The leaves are simple and in rings at the top of the plant. They are 30-100 cm long by 5-7 cm wide. There are spines towards the top of the plant. The flowers are in a panicle that can point upwards or hang down. The flowers are cream. The fruit are capsules 7-8 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. There are several seeds in a white pulp.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,000 m altitude in Central America.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Agavaceae.

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