PLANT FACT SHEET

Agave vivipara L.

GENUS *Agave* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf sisal, Carribean agave

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Buds

DESCRIPTION

A small leafy agave. It grows 60-300 cm high. It can form suckers. The leaves are sword shaped and fibrous. They can be flat or have a gutter. There are small hooked teeth along the edge. It flowers are maturity. The flowers are trumpet shaped and greenish-yellow. The flowering stalk can be 5 m long. The bracts are purple and triangle shaped.

HABITAT

It grows well in the tropics. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. It suits semiarid to seasonally moist and dry climates. It grows well on a gritty, well drained soil. It can grow in full sun or light shade. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens. (As Agave vivipara)

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from cuttings or suckers. It can also be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 250 Agave species. The Agavaceae are mostly in the tropics and subtropics.

PICTURES



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