PLANT FACT SHEET

Bromelia serra Griseb.

GENUS *Bromelia* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

COMMON NAMES Bayonet bromeliad

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Buds, Fruit, Shoots, Seeds

The very young stem buds are eaten with fish fats.
The fruit are eaten fresh. They can also be boiled or crushed and made into a drink.
Seeds are also eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen plant. It grows 1.4 m tall and spreads 1.5 m wide. The stem is short and tube shaped. The leaves are greyish-green. They are 1.4 m long and stiff and fleshy. The flowers are reddish purple and have white sepals. They are in short heads.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows best in a rich, moist soil. It needs a protected sunny position. It is damaged by drought and frost. In Argentina it grows between 100-1,200m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from offsets.

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