PLANT FACT SHEET

Hydriastele ledermanniana (Becc.) W. J. Baker & Loo

GENUS *Hydriastele* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Palm cabbage

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cabbage, Palm heart

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. It is tall. It grows 20 m high. The trunk is slender, ringed and grey. The trunk can be 20-39 cm across. It has a long crown-shaft. This can be 1-1.3 m long. The crown-shaft is covered with woolly brown hairs. The crown-shaft is slightly thicker than the trunk at its base and tapers upwards. The fronds arch over. The leaves are 2.6-3 m long with a 12-25 cm long stalk. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. The leaflets are 50 cm long and deep green. These can be erect and spreading forming a V shape. The leaflets are slender. The flowering stalk arises below the crown-shaft. The fruit are small and bright red. They occur in dense clusters. These clusters are about 1 m long. Each fruit contains a single seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. It suits tropical and subtropical regions. It grows between 1760-2170 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 14 (33?) Gronophyllum species.

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