PLANT FACT SHEET

Acanthostachys pitcairnioides (Mez) Rauh & Barthlott

GENUS *Acanthostachys* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

COMMON NAMES Field pineapple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The white fleshy layer is squeezed from the fruit and eaten directly.

DESCRIPTION

A spiny leafed herb. It grows attached to other plants. The leaves are in rings. They form clumps. The leaves are 50-120 cm long and 1-11 mm wide. The edges have teeth and spines. The flowers are in a spike with 5-15 flowers that do not have stalks. The petals are blue or violet. The fruit are berries 6-15 mm across. There are 3-7 small seeds with a whitish clear pulp. This is bitter sweet.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds. It needs a well-drained soil. It can be grown from seedlings off the mother plant.

REFERENCES

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