PLANT FACT SHEET

Trithrinax brasiliensis Mart.

GENUS *Trithrinax* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Uruguay needle palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Oil, Sago

The fruit are eaten and used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A small fan palm. It forms clusters. The trunk is slender and up to 7 m tall. It has spiny leaf bases. The leaves are fan shaped. The leaf segments droop. The leaf sheaths persist on the trunk. The fruit are white and round. They mature to yellow then dark brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. They are subtropical plants. They are normally along the banks of streams. They are drought tolerant. They can tolerate cold. They grow in the drier parts of southern South America.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

PICTURES



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