PLANT FACT SHEET

Coccothrinax barbadensis (Lodd. ex Mart.) Becc.

GENUS *Coccothrinax* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Silver thatch, Barbados silver thatch

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A solitary fan palm. The trunk can be 16 m tall. The trunk is 5-18 cm across. The leaves are fan shaped with about 60 segments. They are 100 cm wide. They are flexed at the tip. The flowering shoots come from among the leaves. They have 3-10 branches. The fruit is round and purple black. They are 0.6-1.2 cm across.

HABITAT

It suits tropical and subtropical climates. It suits alkaline soils. It grows in coastal woodland on limestone soils. It grows up to 300 m above sea level and occasionally up to 600 m. It suits hardiness zones 9-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

PICTURES



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