PLANT FACT SHEET

Attalea allenii H. E. Moore

GENUS *Attalea* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Taparin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Nuts, Seeds - oil

The fruit is used for a drink.
The seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm without an above ground trunk. The fronds come from the ground in an upright tuft. The leaves are about 5 m long. They are greyish-green. The flower stalks are produced at ground level. The fruit clusters are often half buried in the soil. The fruit are oval and 6 cm long by 3 cm wide. They have a long beak at the tip.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in shady tropical forests. It grows on non flooded soils below 500 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed. Seed take 2-4 months to germinate.

NOTES

There are between (22) 30-71 Attalea species. Some authorities divide them among Attalea, Orbignya, Scheela and Maximiliana.

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