PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Ravenea glauca Jum. & H. Perrier,

GENUS *Ravenea* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Majestic palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm heart

The palm heart is bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A slender palm. The trunk is light brown. It has indistinct rings. It grows 8 m high. The trunk is 10 cm across. The leaf crown forms a half circle. The leaves are 1.3-2 m long. The leaf stalks are 15 cm long. The leaflets are regularly spaced. They are 60 cm long. They are narrowly sword shaped. They are glossy deep green on both surfaces. The older leaflets hand down. The fruit are 1.2 cm wide. They are round and yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry, evergreen forest in central Madagascar. It grows between 730-1300 m altitude. It can tolerate cold. It does best with light shade when young and can grow in full sun when mature.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

PICTURES



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