PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus simplicifolius C. F. Wei

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Danye shengteng

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm heart, Shoots

The young shoots are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing palm or rattan. The stems are in clusters. It is climbing and grows 50 m long. The stems are 3-6 cm wide. The leaf sheath is green with brown hairs. It has downward pointing spines 4 cm long. The leafy stalk is 2 m long with 14-22 broadly sword shaped leaflets in each side. The middle ones are 36-40 cm long by 2-5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland rain forests in Hainan.

NOTES

There are 375-400 Calamus species. There are 175 species in tropical Asia.

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