PLANT FACT SHEET

Plectocomia himalayana Griffith

GENUS *Plectocomia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Patsha

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The young shoots are used as a vegetable. The scales are removed and the inner pith chopped up and cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A rattan. It grows in clusters. The stems are 20 m long by 5-10 cm wide. The leaf sheaths are green and covered with white hairs. There are brown needle like spines 2.5 cm long. The leafy stalk i 1.5 m long and has 30 leaflets on each side. They are sword shaped with a fine tip. There are small spines along the edge. The leaflets are irregularly arranged in clusters of 2 or 3 and are spread in different planes.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in mountain rain forests between 1,500-2,500 m above sea level in southern China. In Yunnan.

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