PLANT FACT SHEET

Attalea spectabilis Mart.

GENUS *Attalea* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Curua

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. The stems are short and underground. They are 1 m long. They spread by underground stems. There are 8 leaves. The leaflets are regularly arranged. They spread in the same plane. The flowering stalk is erect. It is borne among the leaves. The stamens of the male flowers are coiled and twisted. The fruit have 1-2 seeds. The fruit are oval and 5-6 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. They are brownish.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on sandy soils at low elevations.

NOTES

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

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