PLANT FACT SHEET

Acoelorrhaphe wrightii (Griseb. & H. Wendl.) H. Wendl. ex Becc.

GENUS *Acoelorrhaphe* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Silver saw palmetto

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen cluster palm tree. It grows 10 m high and spreads 4 m wide. The stems are erect and slender. They are covered with persistent sheaths and leaf stalks. The leaf stalks have thorns along the edge. The leaves are pale green and 90 cm long. The flowering shoots are among the leaves. The fruit are small and like berries. They are clustered on long stems.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in low-lying areas occasionally flooded by fresh or brackish water. It grows at low elevations. It can grow in sun or shade. It can tolerate drought. It can tolerate salt. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seeds need to be sown fresh. The plant can be grown by dividing the clump.

PICTURES



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