PLANT FACT SHEET

Dracaena elliptica Thunb. & Dalm.

GENUS *Dracaena* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Dragon tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves and tips are steamed and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It is erect and has many branches. It can grow 5 m tall. The leaves are alternate. The leaf stalks are 2 cm long. The leaves are narrowly oval or sword shaped and taper to the tip. They are 6-23 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. The flower panicles are at the end of branches. These are 7-25 cm long and have many flowers. They are white. The fruit are round berries. They are orange when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in shady places in forests. In Indonesia it grows up to 1,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and cuttings.

NOTES

There are 140 Pleomele species. Also put in the family Dracaenaceae.

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