PLANT FACT SHEET

Geonoma ferruginea H. Wendl. ex Spruce

GENUS *Geonoma* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It has a cluster of stems. These can form large clumps. They are 1-4 m tall and the trunks are 2-2.5 cm wide. They are light brown. The leaf blade is 50-60 cm long and divided into 3 curved leaflets on each side. There can be 10-15 leaflets on each side. The flowering stalk is below the leaves and has 1-2 orders of branching. There are 4-13 branches. They are short and thick. They become red when the plant is fruiting. The fruit are round but slightly pointed at the tip and 6-7 mm wide. They are black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lower mountain forest between about 700-1400 m altitude.

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