PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyperus articulatus Linn.

GENUS *Cyperus* **FAMILY** Cyperaceae

COMMON NAMES Guinea rush, Jointed flatsedge

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root, Rhizomes

The plant is burnt to make salt.
The fresh rhizome is peeled and eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is an almost leafless sedge. It keeps growing from year to year and is erect. The stems are 1.2 m tall and pithy. The stems are about 1 cm thick. They are cylinder shaped and pale yellow. The flowering stalk has fine drooping branches. It has black tubers. They have a lavender smell.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in shallow water. It grows in damp soils along river banks. It is damaged by frost or drought. It can grow in slightly salty soils. It grows between 2-1,700 m above sea level. It grows in wet grass savannah. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by division. They can also be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are 550 Cyperus species. It has many uses in perfume and medicine.

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