PLANT FACT SHEET

Aechmea bromeliifolia (Rudge) Baker

GENUS *Aechmea* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap of spikes

The base of the buds is sucked.

DESCRIPTION

A pineapple like plant, but larger. It grows attached to other plants and in the forks of trees. There are 12-20 shoots in a ring and these are 50-100 cm long by 4-11 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge and hook shaped spines. The flower is in the centre of the ring of leaves. It is white. The ripe flowers are removed from the spike and have a sweet layer around the seeds. The seeds are 4-9 mm long and crescent shaped.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds. The sticky pulp should be removed by washing in running water. It can be grown in soil or in the forks of trees. It can be grown from seedlings of the clump.

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