PLANT FACT SHEET

Syagrus cocoides Mart.

GENUS *Syagrus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Ouricuru Palm, Pururima Oil

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds, Nuts, Seeds - oil

DESCRIPTION

A palm with a slender trunk. It grows 12 m high. It is about 7-10 cm across. The trunk has indistinct rings. The crown has erect to arching fronds. The leaves are 3.3-4 m long. The leaflets are arranged in clusters around the stalk. They are thin and dark green and hang downwards. They grow at different angles giving a feathery appearance. The leaf stalk is covered with white mealy powder. The fruit are large. They are 6 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical and subtropical locations. It grows in moist to wet forests and woodlands. It cannot tolerate cold. It will grown in light shade but does better in full sun. It needs well drained soil.

NOTES

There are about 30 Syagrus species.

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