PLANT FACT SHEET

Andira inermis (Wright) HBK ex DC.

GENUS *Andira* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Cabbage tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Honey, Leaves - drink

The leaves are used to make a drink.
The fruit are eaten.
CAUTION: The seeds cause diarrhoea.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 30 m high. The trunk has buttresses. It has a round crown. The leaves are 40 cm long. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 7-13 leaflets. They are oblong. The flowers are pink. They occur in large masses. They are pea like. The fruit is hard and round. It is a legume pod. It is 4 cm across. It is fleshy. It has a single seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in humid or dry coastal woodland and in swamps and savannah. It is often along rivers. In the Cairns Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

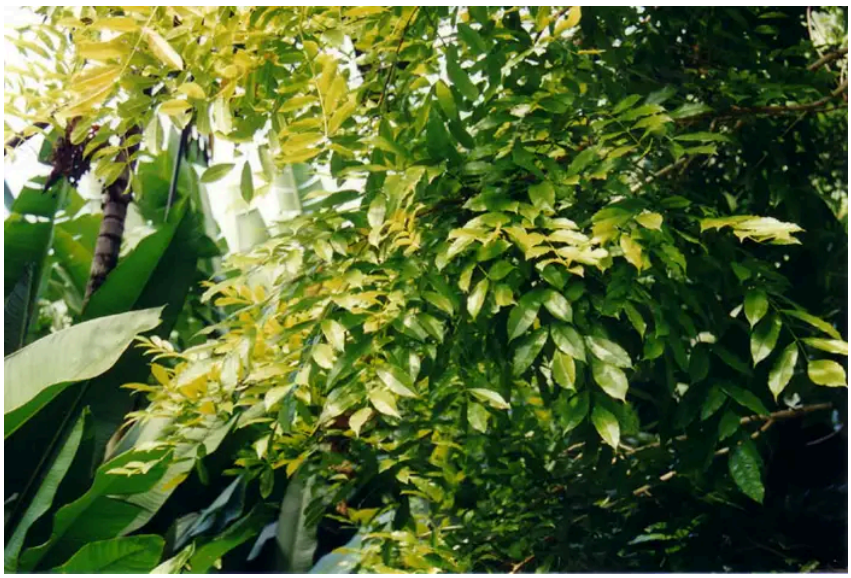
Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seeds don't germinate regularly. It can be grown by air layering or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 30 Andira species. Also as Papilionaceae.

PICTURES



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