PLANT FACT SHEET

Furcraea acaulis (Kunth) B. Ullrich

GENUS *Furcraea* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Maguey, Fercaria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Sap

The sweet juice is fermented to make an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.
The young leaves are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1.5 m tall. The leaves are succulent and 1.2 m long. They have thorns along the side. The flowering shoot is 5-6 m tall.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits the seasonally dry tropics. It has been recorded between 200-300m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 40-50 Yucca species. They are native to Central and North America.
Also put in the family Agavaceae.

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