



PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceratopteris cornuta (Beauv.) Lepr.;

GENUS *Ceratopteris* FAMILY Pteridaceae

COMMON NAMES Water fern

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fronds

DESCRIPTION

A small fern which grows in water. It roots in the mud. The rhizome is erect. The stems are spongy. The fronds form tufts. The fronds are divided twice. They have many small plants attached. The segments are broad, blunt and rounded. The sterile fronds are erect or spreading. The stalk of the frond can be 4-18 cm long. The blade of the frond is triangle shaped and leaflets are divided 1 or 2 times. These can be 7-25 cm long and 4-20 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. They grow in water or mud. It can be floating. It is cold sensitive.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from the buds which grow on fronds. These can be broken off and planted. The spores germinate on wet mud.

NOTES

There are 3-4 *Ceratopteris* species.
Also put in the family Adiantaceae.

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