



PLANT FACT SHEET

Carludovica drudei Masters

GENUS *Carludovica* **FAMILY** Cyclanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Panama-hat plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A herb or palm like shrub. It grows 3 m tall. The stem is short and underground. The leaves are fan shaped and 2 m across. They are divided into 3-4 wedge shaped sections. They are deeply divided. The leaf stalk is 2.5 m long. The flowers are on a fleshy spike. Male and female flowers are alternate in spirals. The male are in clusters of 4 and the female flowers are sunk into the flower stalk. The fruit is oval to round. They are 1 cm long and bright orange. There are many oval seeds 2 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in tropical lowland forest beside streams and on steep slopes.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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