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Caryota urens L.

Family: Arecaceae

Common name: Solitary fishtail palm

Vernacular name: ചുണ്ടപ്പന

Nativity: Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar and Malaysia

Habit: Tree

Habitat: Fields and Rainforest clearings

IUCN Status: Least Concerned

Keynotes: *Caryota urens* species is a solitary-trunked tree that can measure 18 metres in height and up to 30 centimetres wide. Widely spaced leaf-scar rings cover its gray trunk which culminate in a 6 m wide, 6 m tall leaf crown. The bipinnate leaves are triangular in shape, bright to deep green, 3.5 m long, and held on 60 cm long petioles. The obdeltoid pinnae are 30 cm long with a pointed edge and a jagged edge.

Uses: The trunk contains a high quantity of starch and a juice can be extracted from the shoots of the flowers. The latter can be boiled into a sugary syrup. The cabbage can be eaten raw or cooked.



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