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Brahea edulis

[Synonyms : *Erythea edulis*]

GUADALUPE PALM is an evergreen palm. Native to Guadalupe Island (off the north-western coast of Mexico) it has yellow flowers.

It is also known as Guadalupe fan palm.

The flowers are pollinated by insects and the wind.

It is considered to be under threat in its native habitat as the Island of Guadeloupe is now overrun with the wild goats that have lived there for decades and eat any seedlings voraciously.

Edulis is Latin (eatable).

The black fruit are eaten locally fresh, cooked in pastries or made into jam.

Leaves have been used for thatching – and their fibre has been used for making hats, matting and string.

The wood has been used for local construction.

Guadalupe palm is cultivated as an ornamental plant, particularly in southern California where it is a common sight as a street tree.