

# Peach Palm

## *Bactris gasipaes*



**Habit-**Tree

**Origin-** Neotropical but of uncertain origin

**Family-** Arecaceae

**Size-**to 65ft tall

**Description-** Large clump forming palm with black spines on trunk and pinnately divided fronds. Peach palm produces 2 inch diameter orange fruits in clusters.

**Comments-** Peach palm is unknown in the wild. It has been planted throughout much of Central and South America.

**Uses-** The fruits are eaten by humans and livestock and are rich in Vitamin A.

**Location at MPZBG-** AMAZONIA