PLANT FACT SHEET

Triadica cochinchinensis Lour.

GENUS *Triadica* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-20 m tall. The small branches are grey-brown. The leaves are alternate. The leaf stalks are 2-8 cm long. The leaf blade is narrowly oval and 4-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. There are glands near the edge underneath. The flowers are in groups 4-9 cm long. The female flowers are in the lower part and the male flowers in the upper part. The fruit are black round capsules 7-9 mm across. The seeds are 4-5 mm long. There is a thin waxy aril or layer around the seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in broad-leaved evergreen forests. In south China it grows between 100-1,100 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

Seeds are used for fat for candles.

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