PLANT FACT SHEET

Catalpa ovata G. Don

GENUS *Catalpa* **FAMILY** Bignoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese catalpa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Seed pods, Leaves

The flowers and young pods are eaten.
The young shoots are used as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 9-13 m high. It has a spreading crown. The leaves are broadly oval and downy underneath. The flowers are small and dull white with yellow marks. The pods are long and slender. They grow 30 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to central China. It grows on slopes between 1,900-2,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. In Arboretum Tasmania. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are 11 Catalpa species.

PICTURES



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