PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhus succedanea L.

GENUS *Rhus* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Wax tree, Japanese wax tree, Japan tallow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The acidic pulp of the fruit is edible.
The oil from the fruit is used in cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows about 10 m tall. The leaves have stalks. There are 7 leaflets which are oval and taper to the tip. The leaflets are arranged along the stalk. The leaflets are often reddish. The flowers are greenish. They occur in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is fleshy with a hard covering over the seed. The fruit is brown and oblique.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. In Nepal plants grown between 1300-2400 m altitude. They grow in open places. Hobart Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species. It has anticancer properties.

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