PLANT FACT SHEET

Beilschmiedia roxburghiana Nees

GENUS *Beilschmiedia* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Indian laurel tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree which loses its leaves. It grows 10-15 m tall. The small branches are flattened and angled. The leaves are opposite. They are narrowly oval and 9-14 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. The fruit are purple to black. They are oval and 4-5 cm long by 2-3 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen broad-leaved forest on mountain slopes. In Tibet.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China it flowers and fruits in August.

NOTES

There are about 100-250 Beilschmeidia species. They are in the tropics.

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