PLANT FACT SHEET

Firmiana colorata (Roxb.) Burkill

GENUS *Firmiana* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The roasted seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree 8-20 m tall. It is straight and loses its leaves during the year. The trunk is covered with thick, scaly, ash-coloured bark. The crown has spreading branches. The leaves are crowded at the ends of branches on slender stalks. The leaves are 10-20 cm long by 8-30 cm. There are 3-5 pointed lobes. The young leaves are downy. The flowers are bright orange red. They occur while the tree is leafless. The flowers and their stalks are covered with downy hairs. The fruit look like an orange coloured leaf. There are 1-2 seeds on the edge.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dense forests on plains and in the foothills. It grows between 700-1,000 m above sea level. In XTBG Yunnan.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

PICTURES



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