PLANT FACT SHEET

Alangium platanifolium (Siebold & Zucc.) Harms.

GENUS *Alangium* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are eaten cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub which loses its leaves. It grows to 3-4.5 m high and spreads to 2 m across. It has a crooked, low branching habit. It has leaves like the plane tree. They have 3-5 shallow lobes. The leaves are about 10 cm wide. The stalks are red. The flowers are white and hang down. The petals curl back as the flowers open. The fruit are purple to black.

HABITAT

It grows naturally in woodlands between 1200-2100 metres in Western China. It grows in any moderately fertile well drained soil. It requires full sunlight and a sheltered position. It does best in an acid soil. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 17-20 Alangium species.

PICTURES



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