PLANT FACT SHEET

Populus nigra Linn.

GENUS *Populus* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Black poplar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 30 m high and spreads 18 m wide. It has a round crown and a thick straight trunk. The bark is grey and knotted and gnarled. The leaves are triangle shaped. They are 4-7.5 cm long and wide. They have a long point at the tip. They are wavy and have teeth along the edge. They are green above and paler underneath. They turn yellow in autumn. The leaf stalks are slender and flattened and 2.5-5 cm long. The flowers are catkins 5 cm long. They are narrow and droop.

HABITAT

It grows in moist soil in temperate regions. In Pakistan it grows up to 4,000 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 2-10. Tasmania Herbarium. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from cuttings or root sprouts.

Harvesting and Seed Production

They grow rapidly but are short lived.

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