PLANT FACT SHEET

Broussonetia kazinoki Siebold.

GENUS *Broussonetia* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Kozo, Chu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-4 m tall. It has a spreading habit. Plants are separately male and female. Branches are hairy when young. The twigs are red. The leaf stalks is about 1 cm long. The leaf blade is oval or heart shaped and 3-7 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. Leaves can be 25 cm long. They are either simple or have 3 lobes. There are triangular teeth along the edges. The male flowers are in very short clustered catkins. The female flowers are in small heads. The fruiting heads are red and hairy.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and subtropical plant. It is native to Japan and Korea. It grows in mountain forests. It suits hardiness zones 6-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings. Plants can be grown from seed. Seeds may produce male or female plants.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower in April and May and fruit in May to June.

NOTES

There are 8 Broussonetia species.

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