PLANT FACT SHEET

Phanera roxburghiana (Voigt) Bandyop., Anand Kumar & Chakrab.

GENUS *Phanera* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian bauhinia, Semla

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Buds, Gum

The buds and flowers are cooked, and pickled.
Cut stems produce a gum used in sweetmeat manufacture.
The tender leaves are cooked and used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. The bark is dark brown. The leaves are 8-15 cm long and slightly broader than long. The leaf stalk is thickened at both ends. The flowers have a stalk up to 2 cm long. The flowers are white. They are in sprays. The fruit is a pod 10-18 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. There are 6-8 flat seeds. They are dark brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 250-350 Bauhinia species. Most are in the tropics. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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