PLANT FACT SHEET

Corylus chinensis Franchet ex Trautvetter

GENUS *Corylus* **FAMILY** Betulaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese hazel tree, Chen

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts, Leaves - tea

The nuts are eaten raw.
The fruit are used for making pastries.
The leaves are used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 20 m tall. It spreads 5 m wide. The bark is grey-brown and has cracks along it. The leaves are simple and oval. They are heart shaped at the base. The male flowers are like catkins and these grow 5 cm long. They hang down. The female catkins are small and red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in forests on moist mountain slopes between 1200–3500 m altitude in China. It does best in a cool temperate. It is resistant to frost but damaged by drought. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh ripe seeds. It can also be grown by layering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

They are fast growing. In Yunnan fruit are harvested in September and October.

NOTES

There are about 15 Corylus species.

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