PLANT FACT SHEET

Cryptomeria japonica (Thunb. ex L. f.) D. Don

GENUS *Cryptomeria* **FAMILY** Cupressaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese cedar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Wood - fragrance

The seasoned wood is used for casks, vats and kegs to age foods and impart fragrance.

DESCRIPTION

A narrow cone shaped tree. It grows 27 m tall and spreads 6 m wide. The trunk is straight and it has small buttresses at the base. The bark is reddish-brown and fibrous. The branches are in tiers but they hand down at the tip. The adult leaves are dense and in spirals pointing forward. The male cones produce pollen. The female seed-bearing cones are further along the branches. There are several cultivated varieties.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to subtropical climate plant. It needs deep, moist, rich soil. It does best in a sunny position. In Indonesia it grows between 1,100-2,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 7-11. At Anvers Chocolate factory. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seeds. It can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There is only one Cryptomeria species. Also put in the family Taxodiaceae.

PICTURES



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