PLANT FACT SHEET

Mangifera sylvatica Roxburgh

GENUS *Mangifera* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Winter mango

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The unripe fruit are used for tarts, pickles and jellies. They are used in curries. They are sliced. They are acidic. The ripe fruit are eaten raw like mangoes.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 20-45 m tall. The leaves are stiff. They are 15-20 cm long and 3-6 cm wide. The flowers are yellow, pink or red. They do not have an odour. They are in groups at the ends of branches. The fruit are yellow. They are 8-16 cm long. There are both sweet and tart kinds. The fruit hang on the tree in winter.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in the humid tropics. It is native to the eastern Himalayas. It grows in forests along streams in southern China. In Sikkim it grows between 500-1,000 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In SE Asia plants flower January to March and September to October and fruit May to June and December to January. A tree can produce 50 kg of fruit a year.

NOTES

There are about 40 Mangifera species.

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