PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis formosana (Skan) Hayata

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Taiwan chestnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Nuts

The seed are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows to 25 m tall. The trunk is 60 cm across. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped and 8-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The leaves are silvery grey underneath. The flowers are small. The male and female flowers are separate. The fruit is a solitary nut. It is 1.5 cm long by 1.2 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical evergreen broad-leaved forest. It grows below 500-600 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 120 Castanopsis species. Many have edible nuts.

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