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Castanopsis lamontii Hance

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Stone conical chestnut tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

The nuts are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8-15 m high. It can be 25 m tall. The leaf stalk is 1.5-3 cm long. The leaf blade is oval and 12-30 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. They are thickly papery or leathery. There are 10-15 veins on each side of the midrib. The female flowering stalk is in the axils of leaves. It is borne above the male flowering stalk. The fruiting stalk is 10-20 cm long. The cup is round and 2.5-6 cm across. There are 2-3 nuts per cup. They are cone shaped. They are 2-2.8 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are densely hairy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in mountain and broad-leaved evergreen forest between 500-2500 m altitude in China.

NOTES

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

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