PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis delavayi Franchet

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Delavay's castanopsis, Yunnan conic chestnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seeds are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows about 20 m tall. The branches are smooth. The leaf stalk is about 07.-1.5 cm long. The leaf blade is oval or oblong and 5-13 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. The base is rounded. The edges have teeth and can be wavy. There are 6-9 side veins on each side of the main vein. The female flowering stalk is 10-15 cm long. The cup is oval to round. It is 1.5-2 cm across. It splits into 2 or 3 segments. There are yellowish-brown waxy scale like processes on the outside. The nut is oval. It is 1.3-1.4 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mixed and broad leafed evergreen forest between 1500-2800 m altitude in southern China.

NOTES

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

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