PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis platyacantha Rehder & E. H. Wilson

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Silk chestnut, Monkey chestnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

The nuts are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 16 m tall. The trunk can be 1.2 m across. The leaves are narrowly oval and 8-16 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. There can be some teeth above the middle. Male and female flowers are separate. Male ones are in spikes that occur singly and are 4-16 cm long. Female flowers also occur singly and are 7-11 cm long. Between 2-4 fruit develop. The nuts are rounded and flattened.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in western China.

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