PLANT FACT SHEET

Corylus cornuta Marshall

GENUS *Corylus* **FAMILY** Betulaceae

COMMON NAMES Beaked hazelnut, Beaked filbert

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

The nuts can be eaten raw. They can be dried for later use. They are best when stored until fully ripe. They can also be ground into flour or meal. The meal can be mixed with sugar, water and candied orange peel and used in pies etc.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading deciduous shrub. It is erect and 3 m high. The leaves are oval and have lobes. There are teeth along the edges. The flowers are in catkins about 30 mm long. The nut is encased in a long brown or green sheath. They are produced in clusters of 1-4. The nuts are about 12 mm long.

HABITAT

It likes moist well drained soil. It grows in shady forest near the coast and in more open rocky areas further inland. It suits hardiness zones 4-8.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plants can be grown from seed, suckers or by layering.

NOTES

There are about 15 Corylus species.

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