PLANT FACT SHEET

Notholithocarpus densiflorus (Hook. & Arn.) Manos, Cannon & S. H. Oh

GENUS *Notholithocarpus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Tanbark Oak, Cascalote, Xoppow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts, Acorns

The nuts or acorns are leached in hot water to remove the tannins then dried and ground for baking. They are used to make bread or porridge.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall and can reach 45 m tall. The bark is thick and furrowed. It is red-brown but young shoots are woolly white. The leaves are stiff and leathery. They have teeth along the edges and prominent veins. The leaves are rusty hairy underneath. The male flowers are small and in slender upright spikes. The fruit are egg shaped nuts in shallow cups. The scales are spreading or bent backwards.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

NOTES

There are about 300 Lithocarpus species.

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