PLANT FACT SHEET

Bauhinia variegata var. candida Voigt

GENUS *Bauhinia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES White orchid tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves

The flowers and leaves are eaten cooked and fresh as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. It grows 7-13 m tall and spreads 7-8 m wide. The trunks are slender and branches arch over. The leaves are alternate and compound. They have 2 lobes. The flowers have white petals. The flowers are 12 cm wide. The flowers have a sweet scent. The fruit is a 30 cm long pod. It is slender, brown and flat.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Yunnan and southern China. In Argentina it grows between 1,000-2,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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