PLANT FACT SHEET

Dracontomelon duperreanum Pierre

GENUS *Dracontomelon* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Asian pheasant tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also preserved in sugar.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It has strong buttresses near the base. It grows 10-20 m high. The crown is dense and round. The bark is fairly smooth. The young branches are softly hairy. The leaves are large. They are 30-45 cm long. The leaves have 7-15 pairs of leaflets. These are 6-12 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The flowers are white and in short panicles. The fruit is fleshy. It is yellow and has 5 cells. The stones are unequal and flattened.

HABITAT

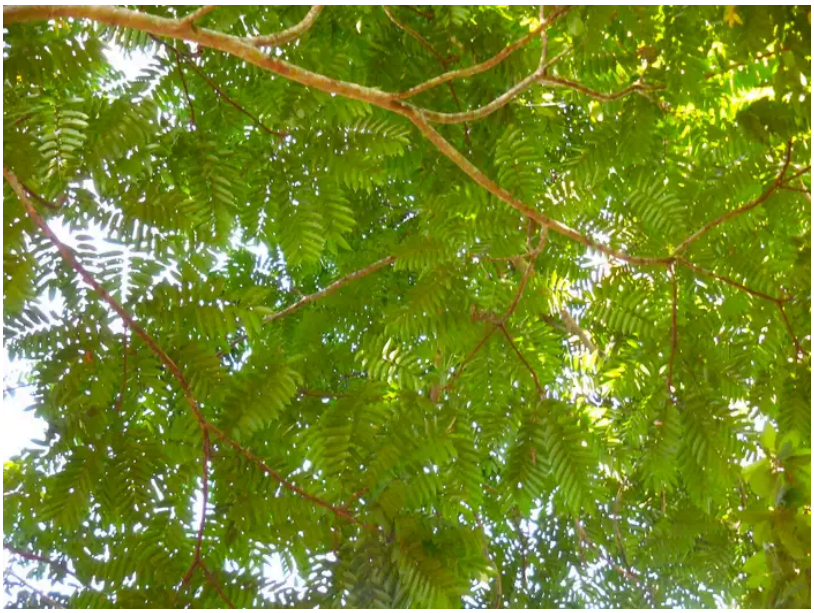
A tropical plant. It grows in seasonal rain forest between 120-600 m altitude. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in April to May and fruit June to November.

PICTURES



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