PLANT FACT SHEET

Quillaja saponaria Molina

GENUS *Quillaja* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Soapbark, Bois de Panama, Halava wood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - flavouring

The bark produces an extract used as a foaming and heading agent for beer.
It is also used for flavouring ice cream, baked goods and drinks.
The bark is mixed with citrus-flavoured sugar syrup to make a soft frothy sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15-20 m tall. The bark is thick and dark. The leaves are smooth and leathery and oval and 3-5 cm long. The flowers are white and 15 mm across. The fruit are made up of 5 dry follicles. Each contains 10-15 seeds.

HABITAT

A warm temperate plant. It can grow to 2,000 m above sea level. It is drought resistant and can tolerate cold. National Arboretum Canberra.

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