PLANT FACT SHEET

Illicium brevistylum A. C. Sm.

GENUS *Illicium* **FAMILY** Schisandraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 15 m tall. The leaves are in clusters of 3-5. The leaf blade is narrowly oval and 5-8 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The fruit have 11-13 follicles. They are 13-17 mm long by 6-10 mm wide and 3-4 mm thick. The seeds are 6-7 mm long by 5 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests and thickets in southern China between 700-1,700 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

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

NOTES

There are 34 Illicium species. There are 3 species in tropical America.
Also put in the family Illiciaceae.

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