PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus spinosa David ex Franchet

GENUS *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Spine-leaved oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

Starch is extracted from the nuts are used as food.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. It grows 15 m high. The small branches are purplish-brown. The leaves are broadly oval. They are 3-5 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. There can be small spiny teeth. There can be 1-2 acorns in a group. They are in a cup. The nuts are obong and 1.5 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in southern China on rocky limestone hillside between 1,000-2,500 m altitude.

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