PLANT FACT SHEET

Betula populifolia Marshall

GENUS *Betula* **FAMILY** Betulaceae

COMMON NAMES Grey birch

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap, Bark

The sap is used as a sweet drink. It can be fermented to beer or vinegar.
The inner bark is ground into flour and used as an emergency breadstuff.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. It grows 10 m high and spreads 3 m wide. The trunk is erect and slender. The leaves are heart shaped with a long point. They are paler underneath. The flowers are catkins.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It will grow in most soils. It is resistant to drought and frost. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds.

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