PLANT FACT SHEET

Sterculia rogersii N. E. Br.

GENUS *Sterculia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Common star-chestnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Heartwood, Seeds

The heartwood is eaten in times of food shortage.

DESCRIPTION

A dumpy tree. The trunk is swollen. It is often 3 m high but can be 8 m high. It usually branches near the base. The trunk is stout and shiny. The main branches are robust and grey. The leaves are alternate. They are on long wand like branches clustered at the ends. They are 2.5-6 cm long and often with 3-5 lobes. The lobes have a sharp point. They leaves are dark green above and greyish-green below. The flowers are separately male and female on the same tree. They are yellow-green streaked with red and 1.5 cm across. The fruit consists of 1-5 stalkless lobes or separate parts.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in drier places. It is in hot, low-altitude areas. It is often in rocky places. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

PICTURES



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