PLANT FACT SHEET

Corylus cornuta subsp. californica (A. DC.) A. E. Murray

GENUS *Corylus* **FAMILY** Betulaceae

COMMON NAMES California hazel, California filbert

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

The nuts are eaten fresh. They can also be stored for later use.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 8 m tall. It has several stems. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are dark green and simple and alternate. The leaves are rounded and with twice divided teeth along the edge. The flowers are yellow. The husks are shorter and the catkins longer than the beaked filbert. The nuts are edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can grow in a sunny or partly shaded position. It needs a pH of 4.8-7.5. It can tolerate frost when dormant and needs a frost free period of 19 weeks.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds. The seeds need cold treatment. A spacing of about 2 m is suitable.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing and long lived.

NOTES

There are about 15 Corylus species.

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