PLANT FACT SHEET

Hydnocarpus pentandrus (Buch.-Ham.) Oken.

GENUS *Hydnocarpus* **FAMILY** Achariaceae

COMMON NAMES Hydnocarpus oil tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Oil - medicine

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m tall. The bark is pale brown with white patches. The leaves are simple and alternate. They taper to the tip. The edges can have rounded teeth. Plants are separately male and female. The flowers are greenish-yellow. The fruit are woody berries. They are 5-7 cm across and have a round brown surface. There are several yellow seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

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