PLANT FACT SHEET

Morus macroura Miq.

GENUS *Morus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan mulberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw or stewed with sugar.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 15 m tall. The trunk can be 10-20 cm across near the base. The young branches are hairy. The leaves have stalks. The stalks are 2-4 cm long. The leaf blades are 8-29 cm long by 6-15 cm wide. They usually do not have lobes. They have fine teeth. They are softly hairy. They are pale green underneath. The female flowering stalk can be 6-12 cm long. The flower is greenish. The male catkins are in the axils of leaves in pairs. They are 4-8 cm long. The fruit is white or purple. They are sweet when ripe. They are 20 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical and subtropical places. In Nepal it grows between 1000-2000 m altitude. It grows on open hillsides. In south China it grows in mountain forests between 1000-1300 m altitude but can be at lower and higher altitudes. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

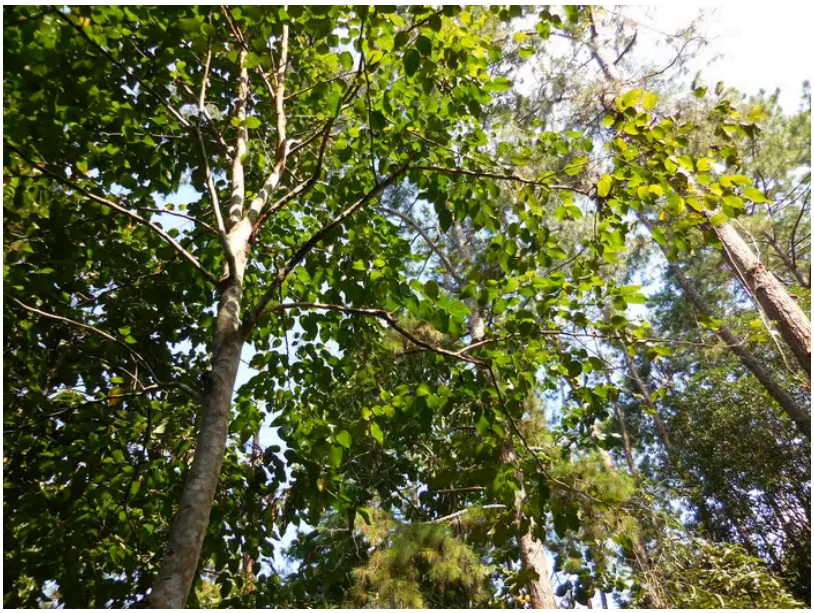
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or root offshoots. They can also be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 16 Morus species. It is used for paper making.

PICTURES



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