PLANT FACT SHEET

Helicia pyrrhobotrya Kurz.

GENUS *Helicia* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8-10 m tall. The young branches have a rusty covering. The leaves are alternate and crowded near the tips. The leaves are broadly oval and 32-50 cm long by 9-16 cm wide. The fruit are brown and round. They are 3-4 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between 700-1620 m altitude in Yunnan in China.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower in April to August and fruit September to March.

NOTES

There are about 90 Helicia species mostly in SE Asia with some in N Australia.

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