PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis eyrei (Champion ex Bentham) Hutcher

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Eyre's castanopsis, Rock chestnut, Sweet castanopsis

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seed

The ripe nut is eaten raw. It is also used for jam.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 20 m high. The young branches have a few hairs. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and 5-10 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The base is rounded. The flower spikes are 7-14 cm long. The nut occurs singly. It is round or oval and 1-1.4 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows in southern China.

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