PLANT FACT SHEET

Sapium sebiferum (L.) Roxb.

GENUS *Sapium* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese tallow tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Seeds - oil, Leaves - tea

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 6 m high. The stem is crooked and often gnarled. The twigs are slender. The leaf blades are 2-8 cm long by 1-7 cm wide. They are broadly oval. The fruit has 3 lobes and are 9 mm long by 11 mm wide. The seeds are 7 mm long by 6 mm wide. They have a white waxy layer around the seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Pakistan it grows near rivers and up to 1,200 m altitude. It can grow in salty soils. It can grow in arid places. Arboretum Tasmania.

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