PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis cuspidata (Thunb.) Schottky

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese chinquapin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

The nuts are eaten boiled or roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 24 m high. The leaves are narrow and pointed. The edges are smooth or slightly toothed. The young leaves are a coppery colour. They are nearly white underneath. The flowers are in yellow-green catkins. They are fragrant. The nuts are edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

NOTES

There are about 120 Castanopsis species. Many have edible nuts.

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