PLANT FACT SHEET

Aglaia spectabilis (Miq.) Jain & Bennet

GENUS *Aglaia* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Cape York cedar, Pacific maple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - oil, Bark - tea

The fruit are edible.
The bark is used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that grows 25-30 m tall. It has buttresses. The twigs have dense brown scales. The leaves are compound. They are 20-70 cm long. There are 11-21 pairs of leaflets. The tertiary veins are prominent. The leaflets have few scales underneath except on the midrib. The leaflets are 8-40 cm long by 3-17 cm wide. The flowers occur in a group. The flowers have 3 white petals. They are 2-7 mm long. The fruit is a capsule. It is yellowish-brown and 6-8 cm long by 5.5-8 cm wide. It is densely covered with hairs. There are 1-3 brown seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In southern China it grows in dense forests between 900-1,800 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed.

NOTES

There are about 104 Aglaia species. They occur in Asia and the Pacific.

PICTURES



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