PLANT FACT SHEET

Cubilia cubili (Blanco) Adelbert

GENUS *Cubilia* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Kubili nut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Seeds, Nuts, Leaves

The seeds or nuts are eaten raw or cooked. They are boiled or roasted.
The false aril or seed layer is eaten.
The leaves are used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows up to 25-50 m high. The trunk is 75 cm across. There are buttresses 6 m high. The bark is smooth and reddish-brown. The leaves are compound with large leaflets which are smooth and pointed at both ends. There are 3-5 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets taper to the tip and are rounded at the base. They are 10-15 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They can be both larger and smaller. The flowers are small and borne on rather large flower arrangements. These are 30 cm long. The flowers are orange-brown. The fruit are oval and about 5 cm long. The fruit have lobes. These are 3-4 cm long by 2-2.5 cm wide. They are covered with very many pointed projections giving a warty appearance.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur from Luzon to Mindanao in primary forests at low altitudes in the Philippines. In Indonesia it grows up to 600 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There is only one Cubilia species.
The seeds are 5.2% protein, 1.92% fat, 23.13% starch, and 18.83% carbohydrates.

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