PLANT FACT SHEET

Handeliodendron bodinieri (Leveille) Rehder

GENUS *Handeliodendron* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Ruck-feet tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - oil

Oil from the seed is used in cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 4-12 m tall. The bark is grey. The leaves are opposite and have leaflets spread out like fingers on a hand. There are 4 or 5 leaflets that are 3-12 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. The middle leaflet is the largest. The flowers are white and in groups at the ends of branches. These groups are 10 cm long. The fruit is a capsule 2-4 cm long by 1 cm wide. The seeds are black with a white covering.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in the limestone areas in southern China between 400-800 m altitude.

NOTES

There is only one Handeliodendron species.
Also put in the family Hippocastanaceae.

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