PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros armata Hemsley

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Ping lan hua

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-13 m tall. It can lose all its leaves during the year. The small branches are hairy. There can be slender spines near the tip. The leaf blade is narrowly oval. They are 2-7 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are leathery. The base is wedge shaped. The fruit is a yellow, round berry about 2 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in forests at about 300 m in Hubei, China. It can grow to hardiness zone 7. In Sichuan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China trees flower from April to May and fruit from August to December.

NOTES

There are about 600 species of Diospyros mostly in the tropics. There are about 100 species in tropical America. The fruit of most species is edible.

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