PLANT FACT SHEET

Litsea euosma W. W. Smith

GENUS *Litsea* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Qing xiang mu jiang zi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The fruit, leaves and branches are used to extract fragrant oil to give a sweet smell to food.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It loses its leaves during the year. The young branches are hairy. The leaves are alternate. The leaf stalk is 1.5 cm long. The leaf blade is oblong and 6.5-14 cm long by 2.2-4.5 cm wide. It is rounded at the base and tapers to the tip. There are 8-12 pairs of side veins. The flowering stalks are in the axils of leaves. There are 4-6 flowers in a group. Flowering occurs as the leaves develop. The fruit is round and 5-7 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist places in broad leaved forest in southern China at about 2450 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 200 or 400 Litsea species.

REFERENCES

Altschul, S.V.R., 1973, Drugs and Foods from Little-known Plants. Notes in Harvard University Herbaria. Harvard Univ. Press. Massachusetts. no. 1209

Li Xi-wen, Li Jie, Huang Puhua, van der Werff, H., Lauraceae. Flora of China.

Reis, S. V. and Lipp, F. L., 1982, New Plant Sources for Drugs and Foods from the New York Botanical Garden herbarium. Harvard. p 79

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/8b765d18-b40d-44de-be7e-a160cefd8ece