PLANT FACT SHEET

Pterocarya stenoptera C. DC

GENUS *Pterocarya* **FAMILY** Juglandaceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese wingnut, Large-leaved Willow, Maple Poplar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows to 25-30 m high. The bark is grey-brown and develops deep cracks. The leaves have an even number of leaflets along the stalk. The leaf is 8-16 cm long. The leaf stalk is 2-6.5 cm long. There can be a few hairs and the leaf stalk is ridged or winged. There are normally 11-21 leaflets. These are 8-12 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The male and female flowers are in separate hanging catkins on the same plant. The male catkins are 6 cm long. The fruiting spike is 20-45 cm long. The nutlets are a long oval shape and 6-7 mm long.

HABITAT

It is native to China. It grows in forest on mountain slopes and near rivers from sea level to 1500 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

NOTES

It is widely cultivated as a shade tree.

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