PLANT FACT SHEET

Calvatia gigantea (Batsch : Pers.) Lloyd

GENUS *Calvatia* **FAMILY** Lycoperdaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant puffball

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fungus, Mushroom

The fruiting bodies are eaten when young and white and firm-fleshed. They can be braised, fried, grilled, sauteed or cooked in other ways. They can be sliced and fried like pancakes or added to soups and salads. The mushrooms are cooked or fried and made into soup.

DESCRIPTION

A mushroom. The fruiting body can be 25-100 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NW India they are harvested in April to May.

NOTES

There are about 35 Calvatia species.

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