PLANT FACT SHEET

Sterculia lanceolata Cavanilles

GENUS *Sterculia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Scarlet sterculia, Lance-leaved kepuh tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit

The seeds are eaten after roasting.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 5-15 m high. The leaves have one leaflet. It is 7-15 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The flowers are small and without petals. They are greenish-pink. The fruit are follicles and open into a star like arrangement. These are bright red or yellow. The seeds are black and there are 1-5 in each follicle.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is native to southern China. It grows in forests along streams. It can grow up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

PICTURES



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