PLANT FACT SHEET

Cassia timoriensis DC.

GENUS *Cassia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Limestone cassia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers

The young leaves and flowers are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6-15 m tall. Young plant parts have golden hairs. The leaves are compound with leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 4-10 cm long. The leaflets are oblong. They are 12-20 pairs and these are 2-3 cm long by 0.5-1 cm wide. The flowers are bright yellow. They occur as equal stalked flowers along a stalk and at the ends of branches. The fruit is a pod 7-9 cm long and 1 cm wide. It is flat and shiny and dark brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in deciduous forests especially on calcareous soils. It is very cold sensitive.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 100 Cassia species. This group has been revised to a smaller more consistent group. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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