PLANT FACT SHEET

Planchonella grandifolia (Wallich) Baehni

GENUS *Planchonella* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit is eaten raw. It is sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 40 m tall. The bark is pale grey. The small branches are yellowish white and with a bloom over them. The leaves occur one after another along opposite sides of the stem. The leaf stalk is 1.4-4 cm long. The leaf blade is oval and 17-30 cm long by 6-10 cm wide. The leaves are thin and leathery. There are 6-12 pairs of side veins. The flowers occur in clusters of 3-10. The fruit is green but becomes yellow. It is round and 4-5 cm across. There are 2-5 seeds. Fruit sweet and edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In southern China it occurs in rain forests and thickets between 500-1200 m altitude. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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