PLANT FACT SHEET

Platanus occidentalis L.

GENUS *Platanus* **FAMILY** Platanaceae

COMMON NAMES American sycamore, Plane tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap

The sweet sap is used in the preparation of sugar and syrup.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 50 m tall and spreads 6 m wide. The stem is erect and branching. The bark is grey and flaking. The leaves are light green and have lobes arranged like fingers on a hand. The flowers are in round heads.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does best in cool deep alkaline soils. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to frost but sensitive to drought. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 10 Platanus species.

PICTURES



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