PLANT FACT SHEET

Nyssa bifida Craib

GENUS *Nyssa* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Longbo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25-30 m tall. The trunk is about 1 m across. The bark is dark brown and has shallow cracks. The branches have a dense yellow coating. The leaves are grey-green underneath. They are 15-22 cm long by 8-12 cm wide. They are thickly leathery. Trees are separately male and female. The fruit occur as 4 or 5 in a group. They are purplish brown. They are 2 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between 1300-1500 m altitude in Yunnan in China. It grows in monsoon forest. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in March and fruit in September.

NOTES

Also put in the family Nyssaceae.

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