PLANT FACT SHEET

Ailanthus integrifolia Lam.

GENUS *Ailanthus* **FAMILY** Simaroubaceae

COMMON NAMES White siris

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can grow to 55 m tall. The trunk can be 65 cm across. The bark is smooth and light brown. The leaves are compound with 2-9 leaflets. The leaflets are 10-40 cm long. They can be hairy underneath. The fruit are narrowly oval and 22 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 900 m above sea level. In Sikkim it occurs between 450-700 m above sea level.

NOTES

This detail about edible leaves needs checking. The leaves have been shown to have some medicinal benefit.

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