PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Illicium majus Hook.f. & Thomson

GENUS *Illicium* **FAMILY** Schisandraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Caution: The fruit are listed as poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The leaves are in clusters of 3-6 in nodes towards the end of the branches. They are narrowly oval and 10-20 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of leaves or towards the ends of branches. The fruit have 10-14 follicles 1-3 cm long by 0.5-1.5 cm wide. The seeds are 6-10 mm long by 5-7 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests and rocky slopes and along river banks between 300-2,500 m in southern China. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower in April to June and fruit in July to October.

NOTES

There are 34 Illicium species. There are 3 species in tropical America.
Also put in the family Illiciaceae.

PICTURES



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