PLANT FACT SHEET

Lithocarpus thomsonii (Miqu.) Rehder

GENUS *Lithocarpus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Lu xi ke

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 8-10 m high. Many plant parts are covered with very small, grey hairs. The leaf stalk is less than 1 cm long. The leaf blade is oval or oblong and 9-20 cm long by 4-6.5 cm wide. The male flower stalks occur singly in the axils of leaves. They are 5-10 cm long. The female flowering stalks are 5-10 cm long. The cups occur in clusters of 3. They are 1.5-1.8 cm across. The outside in densely covered with grey hairs. The nut is 1.3-1.4 cm long by 1.4-1.6 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in broadleaved evergreen forest between 800-3000 m altitude in southern China.

NOTES

There are about 300 Lithocarpus species.

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