PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros sylvatica Roxb.

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The seeds are edible. The ripe fruit are edible.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-35 m tall. The bark is grey brown and smooth. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are 6-15 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They are oval. The base is twisted and they taper to the tip. Male and female flowers are separate. Male flowers are green and in groups and female flowers are usually single. The fruit are round and 1-2 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in south India. It grows in evergreen forests up to 1,400 m above sea level. It grows on limestone slopes.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees flower in July and August.

NOTES

There are about 485 species of Diospyros mostly in the tropics.

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