PLANT FACT SHEET

Lannea coromandelica (Houtt.) Merr.

GENUS *Lannea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian ash tree, Wodier tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Bark - flavouring, Gum, Fruit, Flowers

A gum from the trunk is used in confectionary.
The young leaves and shoots are eaten uncooked or also steamed or used in soup.
The powdered bark is used to flavour roast fowl.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw. They are also pickled.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or medium sized deciduous tree. It grows 15-20 m tall. The bark is grey but red inside. It peels off in round plates. The leaves are 45 cm long and have 5-11 leaflets. These are egg shaped and pointed. They are 6-15 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. The leaves turn yellow before falling. The flowers are yellow-green. They are 0.5 cm wide. Male and female flowers are on separate branches. There are 4 sepals and petals. The fruit is fleshy and 1.5 cm wide with a dull red pitted stone.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows throughout the hotter parts of India. In Pakistan it grows up to 1,200 m above sea level. IN southern China it grows between 100-1,800 m above sea level. It is often on rocky limestone hill. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown easily from cuttings. It is used for fencing.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India fruit are produced March to May.

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