PLANT FACT SHEET

Vernicia cordata (Thunb.) Airy Shaw

GENUS *Vernicia* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Japan Wood Oil

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 6-9 m tall. The leaves are oval to heart shaped and very thin and glossy. The leaves can have 3 lobes at the tip. The flowers are white and in panicles. The fruit are fleshy and 25 mm across.

HABITAT

It grows in cool climates. It is best in rich, moist well-drained soil. It is damaged by drought and frost. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed.

NOTES

There are 2-5 Aleurites species. The oil of this one is burnt in lamps.

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