PLANT FACT SHEET

Catalpa bungei C. A. Mey.

GENUS *Catalpa* **FAMILY** Bignoniaceae

COMMON NAMES Quishu, Autumn tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flowers are eaten in times of famine.

DESCRIPTION

A large deciduous tree. It grows 9 m high. It spreads 3 m wide. The leaves are almost triangle shaped. They have a long central tip. The flowers are produced in small clusters of 3-12. They are pink with brown or yellow marks. The seed capsule can be 50 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It will grow in most soils. It is best in an open sunny position. It is damaged by drought or frost. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. They can also be grown from softwood cuttings.

NOTES

There are 11 Catalpa species.

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