PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros oleifera W.C. Cheng

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

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EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows to 14 m tall. Many plant parts are grey or yellow and slightly hairy. The bark peels in dark thin flakes. The leaves are oval to sword shaped and 7-17 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. They are papery and the base is rounded and slightly oblique. Male flowers are in groups of 3-5 and the female flowers occur singly. The fruit is a dark yellow berry. It is flattened and 4-7 cm by 5-8 cm. It is divided into 8-10 locules.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China it flowers from April to May and fruits from August to October.

NOTES

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

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