PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros hasseltii Zoll.

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are sweet with a slightly sharp taste.

DESCRIPTION

A tree up to 20 m high. It can be a shrub 2-4 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 12-35 cm long by 4-15 cm wide. The flowers have 4 or 5 flower parts. Trees can have one or both sexes. The fruit is a berry. They are about 2-3.5 cm across. They have black hairs pressed against the fruit near the base. They are on long fruit stalks. The seeds are flattened oblong shape. They are 1.5-2 cm long by 0.7-1 cm wide and 0.2-0.3 cm thick.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in forests on limestone hills. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower in October to December and fruit in March to May.

NOTES

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

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