PLANT FACT SHEET

Pterocarya fraxinifolia (Lam. ex Poir.) Spach

GENUS *Pterocarya* **FAMILY** Juglandaceae

COMMON NAMES Caucasian wingnut

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A dome shaped deciduous tree. It grows 25 m high. It spreads 18 m wide. The branches are stout. The bark is grey and broken into a network of cracks. The twigs are hollow in the centre divided into plates. The leaves and flowers do not have scales. The leaves are alternate and divided into 7-21 leaflets. These are along the stalk. The leaflets do not have stalks and have teeth around the edge. They are shiny and bright green above and paler underneath. The male and female flowers are separate on the stalk. The male catkin is fat and the female in narrow. They are 7.5-12.5 cm long. The fruit is winged. The long fruiting catkins carry many winged seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to the E. Caucasus and N. Iran. It grows in damp places near streams. It will also grow in drier places. It needs sheltered places protected from late frosts. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

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