PLANT FACT SHEET

Carya hunanensis W.C. Cheng & R.H. Chang ex Chang & Lu

GENUS *Carya* **FAMILY** Juglandaceae

COMMON NAMES Hu nan shan he tao, Hunan hickory

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Nut - oil

Nut are eaten fresh or fried. They are also pressed for edible oil.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 14 m tall. The end buds are naked and rusty brown. The leaves are 20-30 cm long. The leaf stalk is 4-8 cm long. There are 7-9 leaflets. They are 11-18 cm long by 3.5-7 cm wide. The nuts are oval and 3-3.7 cm long by 2.3-3 cm wide. The husk is winged to the middle. The shell has 4 faint ridges along it.

HABITAT

It grows in valleys and riverbanks between 900-1000 m altitude in southern China. Trees have been recorded growing in soils with a pH from 4.5 to 8.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Tree usually start bearing after 10 years. They can continue to produce for 200 years. Yields of 300 kg /tree are possible.

NOTES

It is cultivated for edible nuts and pressed for oil. There are about 14-25 Carya species.

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