PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis boisii Hickel & A. Camus

GENUS *Castanopsis* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

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EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

The seeds can be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 15-20 m high. The trunk is straight. The branches are long, dry and brittle and curve downwards. The leaves are hairy underneath with scale like processes. The leaf stalk is 1.5-2 cm long. The leaf blade is oval or oblong. It is 9-18 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. It is thickly papery. There are 13-17 side veins on each side. The female flowering stalk is 27 cm long. The cup is oval and 2.5-3 cm across. The outside is hairy. There is one or occasionally 2 nuts per cup. They are oval and 1.2-1.4 cm long by 0.9-1.2 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on low hills below 300-400 m altitude. It is light demanding. They grow in broad leafed evergreen forest between 1000-1500 m altitude in Southern China.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is a fast growing tree.

NOTES

There are about 120 Castanopsis species. Many have edible nuts.

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