PLANT FACT SHEET

Styrax benzoin Dryand.

GENUS *Styrax* **FAMILY** Styracaceae

COMMON NAMES Benzoin, Storax, Sumatra benzoin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

The bark is the source of a resin used to flavour chewing gum, bake goods, frozen dairy desserts, puddings, soct drinks, candies and chocolate.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 6-12 m high and spreads 3-6 m wide. The trunk is stout. The main branches have a heavy, resinous grey-brown bark. The leaves are 10-15 cm long. There are fine teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and white in panicles of up to 20 flowers.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in primary mountainous rainforests between 600-1,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 10-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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