PLANT FACT SHEET

Chaetocarpus castanocarpus (Roxb.) Thwaites,

GENUS *Chaetocarpus* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub 1-5 m tall or a tree 45 m tall. The leaves are alternate and simple. The leaf blades are 4-18 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. The flowers are greenish-yellow. They are 3 mm across. The fruit are 1-2 cm across. They are yellow but turn reddish-brown as they ripen. The seeds are black with a small fleshy layer (aril) around them.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dense forests in tropical Asia. It grows from sea level to 500 m altitude. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 12 Chaetocarpus species.

PICTURES



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