PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus aliena Blume

GENUS *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Oriental white oak, Hu li

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 30 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaf stalk is 1-1.3 cm long and the leaf blade is narrowly oval. It is 10-20 cm long by 5-14 cm wide. The base is wedge shaped or rounded. It tapers to a short tip. The female flowering shoot is in the axils of leaves on young shoots. The nut is 1.7-2.5 cm long by 1.3-1.8 cm wide. The cup encloses half the nut.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In China it grows in mixed forest between 100-2700 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 600 Quercus species.

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