PLANT FACT SHEET

Cassia javanica subsp. nodosa (Roxb.) K. Larsen

GENUS *Cassia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Pink cassia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 10-20 m tall but can be taller. The leaves are 15-30 cm long. They are compound with 5-13 pairs of leaflets. These are 3-10 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The flower groups are 4-10 cm long. The flowers are pink. The fruit is a pod 30-70 cm long and 1-2 cm wide. It is black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs humus-rich, moist soils. It is damaged by drought and frost. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed need treatment to break the hard seed coat before planting.

NOTES

There are 100 Cassia species. This group has been revised to a smaller more consistent group. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

PICTURES



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