PLANT FACT SHEET

Zelkova serrata (Thunb.) Makino

GENUS *Zelkova* **FAMILY** Ulmaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese zelkova, Smooth-leaved Zelkova

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized deciduous tree. It grows to 20-40 m high. The branches are straight and spreading. They form a neat rounded crown. The bark is smooth when young. It flakes to reveal orange patches. The leaves are alternate and have a long sharp tip. The leaves are oval and 3-11 cm long by 1.3-7 cm wide. They have saw like teeth. The leaves turn orange and yellow in autumn. Male and female flowers occur on the same twig. They are green and small. The fruit is small and round.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to China, Japan and Korea. It grows in moist soil near streams. It can tolerate some shade. It needs a moist soil. It suits hardiness zones 5-9. Arboretum Tasmania. Hobart Botanical Gardens. Burnie Rhodo Gardens. In Sichuan. National Arboretum Canberra.

PRODUCTION

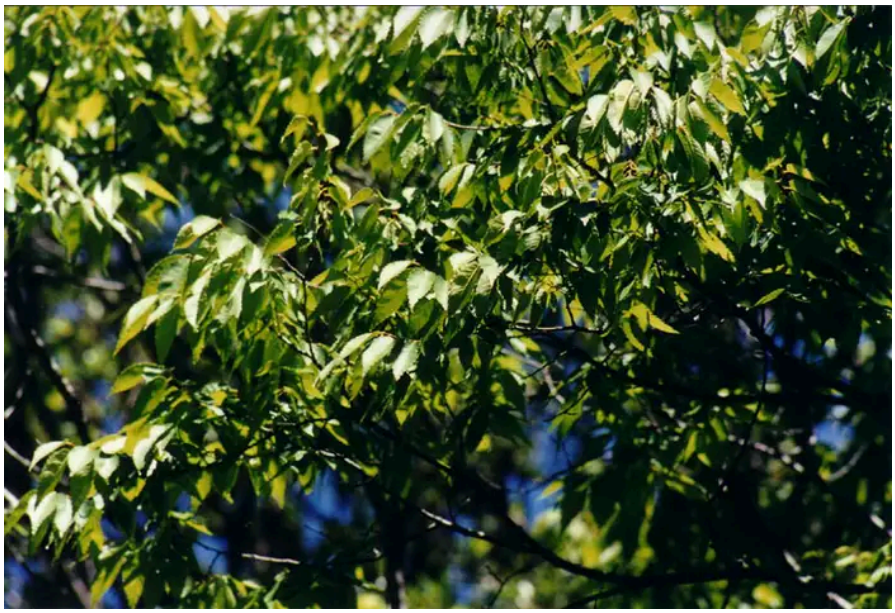
Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or cuttings. It is also possible to use layers or grafts.

NOTES

There are 5 Zelkova species.

PICTURES



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