PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus sikkimensis Mast.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Ajiayuosa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Nut

The fruit are eaten raw. The fruit pulp and the seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 25 m tall. The leaves are 14-23 cm long by 6-8 cm wide. They taper to the base. The fruit are 5 cm long by 3 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In southern China it grows in dense forests between 1,500-2,100 m above sea level. It grows between 1000-1500 m above sea level. In Sikkim it grows between 1,830-2,450 m above sea level. It grows in subtropical broad-leaved evergreen forest.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in April to May and fruit November to December. In Sikkim fruit are available March to May.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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