PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus laoticus Gagnep.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Com lao, Lao wu du ying

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 20-25 m tall. The trunk is 50-70 cm across. The trunk is straight and without branches up to 15 m height. The ovary is densely hairy. The fruit is fleshy. It is 1.4 cm long by 0.6 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dense tropical forests. It is on hill slopes up to 800 m altitude. It grows on well drained soil. It grows in evergreen forests between 1300-1500 m in Southern China. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China it flowers in May and fruits in December.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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