PLANT FACT SHEET

Apodytes dimidiata E. Mey. ex Arn.

GENUS *Apodytes* **FAMILY** Icacinaceae

COMMON NAMES White pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Bark, Fruit

The leaves can be cooked and eaten.
The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 7-10 m tall. It can grow 25 m high. Large trees have fluted trunks. The bark is smooth and grey. The leaves vary. They can be oval or oblong. They are 2-15 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. The flowers are in large groups at the ends of branches. The fruit is flattened and oblong. It is 8 mm long. They are black when ripe with a red attachment.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forest and grassy mountain slopes. It needs frost protection when young. In southern China it grows between 500-1,900 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is easily grown from seeds. Seeds can take 6 months to germinate. Seeds are sown 3-5 mm deep in a seedling tray.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly for the first year.

NOTES

There are 2 Apodytes species.

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