PLANT FACT SHEET

Fraxinus americana L.

GENUS *Fraxinus* **FAMILY** Oleaceae

COMMON NAMES White ash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark

The inner bark is eaten after scraping down in long fluffy layers and cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. It grows 30 m tall. The bark is grey and furrowed. The young twigs can be grey green. The leaves are 20-30 cm long and compound. They have leaflets along the stalk. There are 5-9 leaflets. The leaflets are sword shaped and 6-13 cm long. They can have teeth along the edge. The leaves are dark green and paler underneath. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruit have one wing and are flat.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. In XTBG Yunnan. Arboretum Tasmania.

PICTURES



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