PLANT FACT SHEET

Lithocarpus xylocarpus (Kurz.) Markgraf

GENUS *Lithocarpus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

The kernel of the nuts is eaten raw or roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 30 m tall. Young branches are grooved and with a coating. The leaves are narrowly oblong and 9-15 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are leathery. They are hairy underneath when young. They are shiny above and wedge shaped at the base. Male and female flowers are separate. Male flowers occur singly and are 5-10 cm long. The female flowers are in clusters. The fruiting structure is cup shaped and 3-5 cm across. It encloses the nut. The nut is broadly oval and 2-3 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry forests between 1,800-2,300 m above sea level in Tibet and southern China. In Yunnan.

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