PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Gleditsia japonica* Miq

**GENUS** *Gleditsia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Japanese locust

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves, Seeds

The seeds roasted, and the husks removed then the seeds are soaked until soft and boiled and eaten with sugar.
The leaves of the plant are also eaten.
The flesh inside the seedpod is eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 21 m tall. It spreads to 10 m wide. It has thorns which are branched. The fruit are pods. They can be 30 cm long. They often become twisted at maturity. The seeds are 9-10 mm long by 5-7 mm wide.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on sunny slopes and near streams between 100-2,500 m above sea level in China. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Seeds should be soaked for 24 hours before planting.

## NOTES

There are about 14 Gleditsia species. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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