PLANT FACT SHEET

Diospyros japonica Siebold & Zuccarini

GENUS *Diospyros* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Shan shi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit of some varieties is eaten. They are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows to 17 m tall. The trunk is 50 cm across at the base. The leaf blade is narrowly oval and 8-17 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. The fruit is an orange yellow berry about 2 cm across. It is divided into 8 locules.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. They grow in mixed forests between 600 and 1300 m altitude in S China. In Sichuan.

NOTES

There are about 485 species of Diospyros mostly in the tropics.

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