



PLANT FACT SHEET

Ougeinia oojeinensis (Roxb.) Hochr.

GENUS *Ougeinia* FAMILY Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Chariot tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit

The flowers are eaten boiled. They are mixed with rice.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It often has a crooked trunk. The bark is scaly like crocodile skin. It has a red gum when cut. It grows about 10 m high. The leaves are 8-20 cm long and 5-10 cm wide. They are bright green above and have pale dots underneath. The leaves have 3 leaflets. The flowers are pale pink or white. They are in dense round clusters. They are produced on the old wood. The flowers are in groups of 3 and the petals are thick and fleshy. The fruit is a narrow pod. It is 5-10 cm long and 0.1 cm wide. There are 2-5 seeds. These are 1 cm wide and smooth and brown. Seed germinate on the parent plant. The fruit is sweet and edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows along the waters edge and forms thick impenetrable belts. It grows between 700-1,200 m above sea level in the Himalayas.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. These germinate on the tree and grown in the mud.

NOTES

There are 2 *Ougeinia* species.

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