PLANT FACT SHEET

Alphonsea hainanensis Merrill & Chun

GENUS *Alphonsea* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are edible.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The trunk is 30 cm across. The bark is greyish brown and smooth. The small branches are flattened and have a rusty coating. The flowering shoots are opposite the leaves. There are 2-3 flowers in a group. The fruit are yellowish green. The are almost round or oval. They are 4 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. They have a dense grey coating. The seeds are flat and half round.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain evergreen forests between 400-700 m altitude in southern China. In Yunnan.

NOTES

The Annonaceae are a mainly tropical family. The wood of this one is hard and used for carts and agricultural implements.

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