



PLANT FACT SHEET

Lithocarpus dealbatus (Hook.f.et Thomson) Rehder

GENUS *Lithocarpus* FAMILY Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Soi vo trang, Bai ke

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seed contains edible starch.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 5-20 m high. The trunk is 10-20 cm across. Many plant parts can have light brown hairs. The leaf stalk is 1-2 cm long. The leaf blade is oval or sword shaped and 7-14 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are thickly papery to leathery. They tend to be the same colour on both surfaces. There are usually 10-13 side veins on each side of the main vein. The male flowers are clustered at the ends of branches. There can be up to 15 flowers. The female flowering stalk can be 20 cm long. The cups are in clusters of 3. There is a single nut.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at the foot of mountains. It grows between 1,000 and 2,000 m altitude. It can grow on poor soils.

NOTES

There are about 300 *Lithocarpus* species.

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