



PLANT FACT SHEET

Castanopsis megacarpa Gamble

GENUS *Castanopsis* FAMILY Fagaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 36 m high. The trunk is 90 cm across. The bark is smooth but can have shallow cracks. The leaves are thick and leathery. They are smooth and shiny above. There are some brown hairs underneath. The leaves are narrowly oval and 20-24 cm long by 8 cm wide. Male and female flowers are separate. The male flowering stalks are 8-14 cm long and the flowers are in clusters of 3. The female flowering stalks are 9-12 cm long and the flowers occur singly. The fruit cup does not have a stalk and is rounded or oval. It is 5-8 cm high and 3-6 cm wide. It is hairy and spiny. There is one nut in each cup. It is rounded and 3-8 cm long by 3-5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands. It grows up to 1,400 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 120 *Castanopsis* species. Many have edible nuts.

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