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Gevuina avellana

CHILEAN HAZEL is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to Chile and Argentina it has small, occasionally red or green-tinged, ivory to beige flowers.

It is also known as Chilean nut, and Chile nut.

Avellana is derived from the species name *avellana* (of hazel, *Corylus avellana*) meaning ‘like hazel’.

The timber is not durable in soil but it is used locally for turning and shingling, as well as for making oars, furniture and picture frames.

Chilean hazel is cultivated as an ornamental tree.

Its edible seeds, a common sight in local markets in Chile, have a taste reminiscent of hazel nuts (*Corylus avellana*) and are eaten raw or cooked. Roasted they have also offered a substitute for coffee beans.