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Nageia nagi

[Synonyms : *Decussocarpus nagi*, *Decussocarpus nagi* var. *formosensis*, *Myrica esculenta*, *Myrica nagi*, *Myrica rubra*, *Nageia formosensis*, *Nageia nagi* var. *formosensis*, *Nageia nankoensis*, *Podocarpus formosensis*, *Podocarpus japonicus*, *Podocarpus koshuensis*, *Podocarpus nageia*, *Podocarpus nagi*, *Podocarpus nagi* var. *koshuensis*, *Podocarpus nankoensis*]

IOOBAI is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to southern China, to Japan and Korea, it has purplish catkins.

It is also known as Chinese arbutus, *Kaidar-yamu* (Telugu), *Kaiphal* (Bengali, Hindi and Punjabi), *Katphala* (Sanskrit), *Marudam* (Tamil), *Maruta* (Malayalam), Myrtle, *Nagi* (Japanese), *Nagi podocarpus*, Strawberry tree, and *Yama momo* (Chinese).

Nagi is a Japanese name for this species.

In the Far East the fruit are harvested and eaten fresh or preserved, or used to make what is said to be a refreshing drink.

The hard purplish-grey wood has been used for general construction, and the bark has been used for tanning.