

This Devilish-Looking Thing is Called a Bat Nut and it is Edible

Do you see a bat or the devil's face?



Image credit: nandasithu

The devil pod, also known as bat nut, goat head, buffalo nut and bull nut, is the seed pod of *Trapa bicornis*, one of three extant species of water caltrop, an Asian aquatic plant. Glossy and black, it measures 2 1/2 – 3 inches from tip to tip, and when dried and oiled, its surface texture resembles that of a chestnut or buckeye.

Depending on how it is viewed, this naturally sculpted botanical oddity can look like a leering goat-horned devil, an enraged bull demon, a flying bat, or even a chupacabra. You can see the devil face illusion on both sides of the pod, and the two faces can actually be quite different.

Just check this out:

