PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria guianensis Aublet

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Guianas pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 35 m tall. The trunk can be 30-90 cm across. It has narrow buttresses. The twigs are stout and covered with flattened brown hairs when young. The leaves are alternate and leathery. They are narrowly oval and 13-25 cm long by 5-10 cm wide. The flowers are in tufts in the axils of leaves. There are about 6 flowers. The stalks are 0.3 cm long and have brown hairs. The fruit occur as 1 or 2 together. The fruit is a round or oval berry. It is 5 cm long by 5 cm wide. It is dark green or yellow. It has a coating when young. The pulp is firm, sweet and edible. There are 2 seeds. They are about 2 cm long by 1.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in non flooded rainforest. It can grow up to 2,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Guyana it flowers from October to December and from April to June and fruits in March and April. Sometimes it only fruits every few years.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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