PLANT FACT SHEET

Casearia prunifolia Humboldt

GENUS *Casearia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - aril

The aril of fleshy layer of the fruit is eaten and is sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-6 m high. The trunk is slender. The leaves are 6-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The flowers are in groups of 4-6 in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and yellow. They are 1.5-2 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rainforest between 300-1,800 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 160-180 Casearia species. They are mostly in South America. 75 occur in tropical America. They have also been put in the plant family Flacourtiaceae.

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