PLANT FACT SHEET

Psidium guineense Swartz

GENUS *Psidium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Brazilian guava

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten fresh but also used for jellies and preserves. They are also used baked or stewed.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub or tree. It grows 1-8 m high. The trunk is 2-10 cm across. It has an appearance like a strawberry guava tree. The leaves are opposite and simple. They are 8-10 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. The flowering stalks have 1-3 flowers. The flower stalk is 1-1.5 cm long and large and hairy. The fruit are round or pear shaped but like common guava. They occur singly on new growth. They are 2-3 cm wide. The skin is yellow. The pulp is white and acidic. There are several seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can grow in subtropical regions. It can tolerate some drought. In Bolivia it grows between 200-2,500 m altitude. It can tolerate a variety of soil conditions. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed, cuttings or air-layering. It can also be grafted.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 150 Psidium species.

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