PLANT FACT SHEET

Psidium friedrichsthalianum (O. Berg.) Niedz.

GENUS *Psidium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Costa Rica guava

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh or used in jelly and juice. It is very acid.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 3-4 m tall. The branches are angular and hairy. They are reddish. The leaves are papery and 4-10 cm long. There are 8 pairs of secondary veins. The flowers occur singly. They are white and have a scent. The fruit are a medium size and yellow with soft acid pulp. They are like a guava. They have many seeds. The fruit are 6-7 cm across.

HABITAT

It is tropical. It suits hot, tropical lowlands. It cannot tolerate frosts. It grows naturally in seasonally flooded forests in Central America. It is best with medium to high rainfall. It can tolerate a range soils conditions if well drained.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. It can also be grown by cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It produces fruit in 4-5 years if grown from seed. The fruit matures in 90 days.

NOTES

There are about 150 Psidium species.

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