PLANT FACT SHEET

Melicoccus oliviformis subsp. intermedius (Radlk.) Acev.-Rodr.

GENUS *Melicoccus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 6-14 m high. The crown is round and dense. The trunk is cylinder shaped and 25-35 cm across. The leaves are compound with 2-4 opposite leaflets. The flowers are yellow-white and in the axils of leaves. The fruit are oval and have a sweet acid pulp and one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in humid forests near the Atlantic in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. Seeds are collected from ripe fruit that are partly decomposed in a plastic bag and then the seeds washed out in running water. The seeds need to be planted fresh. They need light shade. Seedlings emerge in 40-50 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a moderate rate.

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