PLANT FACT SHEET

Hirtella triandra Swartz

GENUS *Hirtella* **FAMILY** Chrysobalanaceae

COMMON NAMES Camaroncillo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten except for the seed.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows up to 5-12 m tall. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are small and short. The leaves are shiny green above. The new leaves have round black spots. They have stipules in pairs at the base. The flowers are white with long pink stamens. They are in clusters. The fruit is fleshy and has one pointed seed. This has fine grooves.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in shady wet forests including lower mountain regions. In Puerto Rico it grows between 100-650 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers and fruits throughout the year.

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