PLANT FACT SHEET

Moutabea guianensis Aubl.

GENUS *Moutabea* **FAMILY** Polygalaceae

COMMON NAMES Guianas moutabea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Stems - water

DESCRIPTION

A tree or liana. As a tree it can be 8 m tall and as a climber it can be 35 m long. The flowers are yellowish-white and in groups in the axils of leaves. The flowers have a strong scent. The fruit is round and 4.1 cm long by 4.4 cm wide. It is dark green but ripens to yellow or orange. The pulp is thin and edible. There are 5 seeds. The aril or fleshy layer around the seeds is edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and savanna.

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