PLANT FACT SHEET

Citrus limettioides Tanaka

GENUS *Citrus* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet lime

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh or after cooking. They are also used in preserves.
It is used for juice and drinks.

DESCRIPTION

It is probably a hybrid between Mexican lime and sweet lemon. It grows 4-6 m tall. The leaves are serrated but like Tahitian lime. The leaf stalks are round. The leaves are 3-6 cm long. The fruit remain green even when ripe. The flesh is bright orange. The fruit are juicy and non-acid but slightly bitter. Flowers are self fertile and produce many fruit.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical climates. It can withstand frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed. It is usually grown from cuttings or air-layering.

NOTES

There are 20 Citrus species. Several hybrids have been formed.

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