PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria ucuqui Pires & Schultes

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Ucuqui

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 35 m high. The trunk can be 100 cm across. There can be buttresses 2 m high. The young shoots have fine rusty brown hairs. The bark is dark brown and cracked and scaly. The leaves are spaced. They are arranged in spirals. The leaves are 10-20 cm long by 5.6-9.2 cm wide. They are broadly oval. There are 9-14 pairs of veins. The leaf stalk is 2.5-5 cm long. There are many flowers in a tuft in the axils of leaves and below the leaves. The flowers are greenish-yellow. They have a strong scent. The flowers contain one sex. Both sexes may be on the same tree. The fruit is 10-11 cm long by 7.5-8 cm wide. The fruit have a hard skin and are yellow. They have soft white flesh. There are 1-2 seeds. These are 7-8 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in hillside forests along river valleys. It grows on well drained soil. It occur below 250 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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