PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Tontelea micrantha* (Mart.) A.C. Sm.

**GENUS** *Tontelea* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Bacu Pari, Bacupari

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

It is an erect woody shrub. It loses some of its leaves during the year. It grows 1-2 m tall. The leaves are leathery and the edges are entire. The leaves are 8-10 cm long. The flowers are small and creamy-white. They are in groups on stalks in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and turn yellow when ripe. They have 1-3 seeds. There is a slimy pulp around the seeds. This is sweet and edible.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the scrublands and savannas throughout Brazil.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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