PLANT FACT SHEET

Plinia rivularis (Cambess.) Rotman

GENUS *Plinia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Jaboticabarana, Guaburiti

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-11 m high. The crown is round and dense. The young branches hang down. The trunk is short and branched. It is 25-40 cm across. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are 3-6 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The leaf stalks are 6-10 mm long. The flowers are white and in groups in the axils of leaves. The fruit is round. It becomes orange or red when ripe. There are 1-2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mountain forest near the Atlantic in Brazil. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The ripe fruit are gathered and allowed to ripen and soften in a plastic bag. The seeds are removed under running water and planted fresh. They germinate in 3-5 weeks.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow at a moderate rate.

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