PLANT FACT SHEET

Guettarda viburnoides Cham. & Schltdl.

GENUS *Guettarda* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-7 m tall. The crown can be rounded or pyramid shape. The trunk is short. It is 15-25 cm across. The bark is thin and fairly smooth. The leaves are simple and opposite in 2 directions. There are hairs upper surface and a white coating underneath. Leaves are 11-16 cm long and 7-11 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 1-6 cm long. The flowers are on long stalks. There are 10-30 cream or white flowers. The fruit is round and has a wrinkled surface. It is 1.7 cm across. There is only one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in semi-deciduous forest in hills in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed often take a long time to germinate. Ripe fruit are harvested and put in a plastic bag to soften to make it easier to remove the seeds. They are washed under running water and planted fresh. Seeds germinate in 5-6 weeks.

NOTES

There are about 80-100 Guettarda species. They are mostly in tropical America.

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