PLANT FACT SHEET

Hirtella americana L.

GENUS *Hirtella* **FAMILY** Chrysobalanaceae

COMMON NAMES American hirtella

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The pulp of the fruit and the seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. The twigs are covered with red hairs. The leaves are simple and alternate. They have soft red hairs underneath. The flowers are large and pink or white in long spikes. The fruit are the size of cherries.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 100 Hirtella species. They are almost all in tropical America.

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