PLANT FACT SHEET

Vasconcellea palandensis (Badillo, et al) V. Badillo

GENUS *Vasconcellea* **FAMILY** Caricaceae

COMMON NAMES Papaillo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit pulp is eaten raw. They are also cooked. They can be used for a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. Plants are separately male and female. The leaves are compound and there are 5-9 leaflets like the fingers on a hand. The fruit are carried along the trunk. The fruit are 7-8 cm across. The seeds are arranged in 5 groups. There is pulp around each group of seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the humid eastern Andes at about 1,800 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are at least 22-40 species of Carica. This is a newly described species and under threat of extinction.

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