PLANT FACT SHEET

Myrciaria delicatula (DC.) O. Berg.

GENUS *Myrciaria* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow cambui

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-10 m high. The trunk is crooked and 20-30 cm across. The leaf blades are narrowly oval and 3-3.5 cm long by 0.5 cm wide. The flowers do not have stalks and occur as 1 or 2 in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and 1 cm across. They turn black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seeds are collected from fallen ripe fruit and allowed to partly decompose by putting in a plastic bag before the seeds are washed under running water. Seeds need to be planted fresh. Seedlings emerge in 30-40 days.

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