PLANT FACT SHEET

Campomanesia aromatica (Aubl.) Griseb.

GENUS *Campomanesia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Guava strawberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is like a small guava with the flavour of a strawberry.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4-8 m high. The trunk has deep grooves. The leaves are opposite and entire. They are 4-7 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The veins are easy to see. The flowers are white and occur in pairs. They have a scent. They are 15 mm across. The fruit is round. It is 2 cm across. The pulp juicy and with a characteristic odour. It is sweet and edible. There are 1 or 2 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows to 1400 m altitude. It grows in areas with 1,000 mm rainfall per year. It grows in mountain savanna and secondary forest.

NOTES

There are at least 11 Campomanesia species.

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