PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Food Plants International: Caution; It is probably the seeds that are toxic.

Morisonia salicifolia (Griseb.) Christenh. & Byng

GENUS *Morisonia* **FAMILY** Capparaceae

COMMON NAMES Sacha sandia, Guioatu, Maaning

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Caution: It is toxic unless very well boiled.
The unripe fruit are boiled in water for several hours with several changes of water.
They have also been recorded as being eaten raw. Only very ripe fallen fruit are eaten this way.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows to 3 m high. The fruit are round and pale with green leafy patterns over it. The fruit split open when fully ripe and they fall.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 250 Capparis species. There are about 50 Capparis species in tropical America.

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