PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordia sellowiana Cham.

GENUS *Cordia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES Jurute, Jurete

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8-14 m high. The trunk is 30-50 cm across. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are rough and are lighter underneath. The leaves are 8-15 cm long. The flowers are at the ends of branches and in groups with branched stalks. The flowers are creamy white. The fruit is round and yellow. It has sticky pulp.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It does best in deep soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The fruit are harvested when ripe and the seeds rubbed out. The fresh fruit can be planted with the seeds inside. Seeds will only store for about 5 months. Seeds germinate in 20-40 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants can be 3 m tall in 2 years. Fruiting starts after 3 years.

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