PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Pouteria speciosa* (Ducke) Baehni

**GENUS** *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Showy pouteria

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 25 m tall. The trunk is 60 cm across. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are 15-35 cm long by 6-15 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of the leaves. The fruit has a single seed. The fruit is 4-10 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. The seed has a hard seed coat.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in areas with 2,000 mm rain per year. The temperature is about 25°C. It grows in uplands and flood plains in the Amazon in Brazil.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seeds are collected from ripe fruit that have fallen and the fruit are allowed to partly decompose in heaps to make removing the seeds easier. The seeds are washed then planted fresh. Seedlings emerge in 2-3 months.

## NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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