PLANT FACT SHEET

Sideroxylon altamiranoi (Rose and Standley) Pennington

GENUS *Sideroxylon* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Capulin

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 10 m high. The young branches can have soft hair. There are usually spines. The leaves are arranged in spirals. They can be in tufts. The leaves are 2-4 cm long by 1.2-2.8 cm wide. There are 6-10 pairs of side veins. The flowers are cream coloured. The fruit are 1.2-2 cm long. There is one seed. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows at about 2,700 m altitude in Mexico.

NOTES

There are 75 Sideroxylon species. There are about 50 Sideroxylon species in tropical America.

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