PLANT FACT SHEET

Mouriri apiranga Spruce ex Triana

GENUS *Mouriri* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Piranga, Apiranga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 11 m high. The trunk is 11 cm across. The leaves are 7-20 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. The flowering stalks are in the axils of leaves or where leaves have fallen. There are 1-7 flowers on a each. The petals are light red but fall off quickly. The fruit are yellow, orange or bright red. They are sweet and edible. They are almost round and about 2 cm across. They can have 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests and can be in areas that are flooded. It is often on river banks and beaches.

NOTES

They have also been put in the family Memecylaceae.

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