PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria gardneriana (A. de Candolle) Radlkofer

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Aguai

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-15 m tall. The trunk can be 150 cm across. It usually loses many leaves during the year. Young branches are hairy. The leaves can be spaced or in loose clusters. The leaves are 8-26 cm long and 2-5 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. The flowers are on thin leafless branches. The flowers are green and have a scent. The fruit are pear shaped. They are green and turn orange and are 6 cm long by 3 cm wide. There are 1-2 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in open forest and usually near sea level in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. They should be planted in a good composted soil.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees flower September to February and fruit from December to April.

NOTES

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

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