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Cespedezia spathulata (Ruiz. & Pav.) Planch

GENUS *Cespedezia* **FAMILY** Ochnaceae

COMMON NAMES Paco

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 10m tall. The trunk has few branches or has branches that grow upwards. The leaves are very large. The leaves are narrow at the base and have a broad rounded tip. There are teeth along the edge. The leaves are tightly clustered at the top of the trunk. New leaves are very red. The flowers are yellow. They are in spikes on top of the leaves. The fruit is a fleshy capsule.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in wet forest and lower mountain forest. It usually grows in forest clearings and along the edges of forests.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds.

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