PLANT FACT SHEET

Tapirira guianensis Aubl.

GENUS *Tapirira* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Guiana tapirira

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Nuts

The fruit are eaten when ripe. They can be dried.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 3-40 m high. The trunk is straight. It has buttresses. The bark is grey. The leaves are clustered near the tips of the branches. The leaves are compound with 2-5 pairs of leaflets along a stalk 5-35 cm long. They have rusty hairs. The leaflets are narrowly oval and 5-20 cm long by 2-8 cm wide. The flower panicles are in the axils of leaves near the ends of branches. The flowers are densely clustered along stalks 8-37 cm long. They are small and yellowish green. The fleshy fruit are oval and 0.5-1.5 cm long. The seed hangs from the end.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the rainforest and in the savanna.

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