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Margaritaria nobilis L.f.

GENUS *Margaritaria* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The immature green fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It keeps growing from year to year. It can grow 14 m tall. The leaves have short stalks and the leaves are 6-13 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The flowers are greenish-white. Male flowers are in groups and female flowers occur singly. The fruit is a capsule 13 mm long. It is somewhat fleshy and has 4 seeds. The fruit are bluish when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

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