PLANT FACT SHEET

Cassine xylocarpa Vent.

GENUS *Cassine* **FAMILY** Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Marble tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. It grows 2-12 m tall. The trunk is slender and 5-8 cm across. It can have several stems. The crown is dense and often twisted. The fruit are round and yellow. They can be 3 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in scrubland. In Puerto Rico it grows from sea level to 300 m above sea level. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall of 750-1,800 mm.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. They can also be grown from cuttings treated with rooting hormone.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees grow slowly.

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