PLANT FACT SHEET

Beilschmiedia anay (Blake) Kosterm.

GENUS *Beilschmiedia* **FAMILY** Lauraceae

COMMON NAMES Anay

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m high. The young branches have brown hairs. The leaves are leathery. They are broadly oval. They are 12-30 cm long by 8-19 cm wide. The flowers are green and are in slender groups 13 cm long. They have a scent. The fruit are small and pear shaped. They are 7-15 cm long. The skin is shiny and purple to black. They have yellow flesh. It is oily. The fruit falls and ripens after 2-3 days.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lower altitude moist locations. It grows between 300-700 m altitude in Central America.

NOTES

There are about 100-250 Beilschmeidia species. They are in the tropics.

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