PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordia dodecandra DC.

GENUS *Cordia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES Ziricote, Cordia, Geiger tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are cooked and used for preserves and jams.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 16 m high. It forms an open canopy. The leaves are tough and grey green. They are simple and 15 cm long. The flowers are large and orange. There are 12-16 petals. They are crimped along the edge. The fruit is slightly pear shaped and pale yellow. It is 5 cm across. The flesh is sweet. It is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to Guatemala and Mexico. It grows in dry lowland regions. It often grows on coastal limestone. It can tolerate drought and salt. It needs full sunlight. The soil should be fertile and well drained.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed. The hard seed coat needs to be broken. Seed germination is slow.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fairly slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 300 Cordia species.

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