PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysophyllum argenteum Jacq.

GENUS *Chrysophyllum* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Lechecillo, Smooth star apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are milky and edible.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-8 m tall. The trunk is 10-20 cm across. The leaves vary in shape. They are oblong and are silvery grey underneath. They are alternate and 8-12 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The flowers are bell shaped and greenish-yellow. They are in clusters at the base of the leaves. The fruit is the size of a plum. The pulp is bluish.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in semi-evergreen seasonal forest. It is often by rivers. It grows on moist limestone soils.

NOTES

There are about 80-150 Chrysophyllum species. They are mostly in tropical America. There are 44 species in tropical America.

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