PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria macrocarpa (Martius) Dietrich

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Bigfruit pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-10 m high. It can be 30 m high. The trunk and branches are similar colour to guava. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are oval or sword shaped and 7-25 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. The flowers occur in fascicles of 3-7 between the leaves and the trunk. The fruit is round and 10 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows naturally in regions with annual rainfall of 2,000-3,000 mm. The average temperature is 26°C. It needs good drainage.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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