PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria bilocularis (Winkler) Baehni

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Bilocular pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 35 m high. The trunk is 40 cm across. There are buttresses 2 m high. The young shoots are smooth. The bark is finely cracked and scaly. The leaves are spaced and arranged in spirals. They are 5.5-15 cm long by 2.5-6 cm wide. They are fattened sword shaped. The leaf stalk is 0.5-1.8 cm long. The flowers occur in tufts of 2-20 flowers. They are in the axils of leaves. The flowers are usually of one sex. The flowers are greenish-yellow. The fruit are 2.5-6 cm long. They are yellowish-orange when ripe. The fruit is edible. There is one seed. The seed is 2-3.5 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforest on sand or clay. It can be on land which is flooded occasionally. It grows from sea level to 1200 m altitude.

NOTES

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

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