PLANT FACT SHEET

Pourouma villosa Trecul

GENUS *Pourouma* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-30 m tall. The trunk is 15-40 cm across. It has stilt roots. The leafy twigs have a white coating. The leaves are large and heart shaped at the base and with 3-5 large lobes. The leaves are 9-39 cm long and 10-40 cm wide. They are whitish underneath. The male flowering shoots are 6-22 cm long. There are a large number of small flowers. The fruiting groups are 10-20 cm long by 4-14 cm wide. The fruit are 12-22 mm long by 3-10 mm wide. The seeds are 3-6 mm long by 2-6 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics.

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