PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria gardneri (Martius & Miquel) Baehni

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Agauai grande, Gardner pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 7-10 m high. The trunk is 30-40 cm across. The young shoots are hairy. The leaves are alternate and loosely clustered near the ends of branches. The leaves are 6-18 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. They taper towards the base. The leaf stalk is 3-9 mm long. The flowers are of one sex with different sexes on separate plants. The flowers occur in clusters of 1-3 flowers in the axils of leaves. The flowers are greenish. The fruit stalk is 0.4-1 cm long. It is slender and can be hairy. The fruit is fleshy with a hard stone. The fruit are 1-1.7 cm long. It is black when ripe. The fruit is edible. The seed is 0.9-1.4 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows up to 600-1000 m altitude. The rainfall is 1000 mm per year.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Ripe fruit are harvested and the seeds removed and planted fresh. They germinate in 40-70 days.

NOTES

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

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