PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyphomandra diploconos (Martius) Sendtner

GENUS *Cyphomandra* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Guava tamarillo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten. Dried fruit are less leathery and have a sour taste.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 1-4 m tall. The branches are smooth. The leaves are simple and may or may not have lobes. The fruit are small and orange. It has a tough skin. The leaves on the trunk may be unlobed or have 3-5 lobes. The blades are 10-20 cm long and 4-20 cm wide. The leaves at the cronw are in groups of 4. They are 3-15 cm long and 2-8 cm wide. There are 10-20 flowers on an unbranched stalk. The fruit are 2-6 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are hairy when young and smooth and orange of yellow when ripe. The seeds are 2-3 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 30 Cyphomandra species.

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