PLANT FACT SHEET

Casearia fasciculata (Ruiz & Pavon) Sleumer

GENUS *Casearia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The aril of the fruit is eaten and is sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows up to 6-16 m high. The trunk is 4-20 cm wide. The young branches are grey and can have fine hairs. The leaves are oblong or sword shaped and 8-16 cm long. The fruit are a flattened round shape and 4-6 cm across. There are many seeds. These are 1.5-2 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland and alpine forest from sea level to 1,250 cm altitude.

NOTES

There are 160-180 Casearia species. They are mostly in South America. 75 occur in tropical America. They have also been put in the plant family Flacourtiaceae.

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