PLANT FACT SHEET

Byrsonima stipulacea A. Juss.

GENUS *Byrsonima* **FAMILY** Malpighiaceae

COMMON NAMES Murici-do-litoral, Murici, Murici-da-mata

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-20 m high. The crown is dense and pyramid shaped. The young branches have a rusty coating. The trunk is upright and 40-70 cm across. The leaves are simple and opposite. They have a rusty covering underneath. They are 10-16 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. The leaf stalks are 5-11 mm long. The flowers are at the ends of branches. They are in long stalks 10-16 cm long. They are yellow. The fruit is round and fleshy with one round seed. The pulp is sweet and soft. The seed is black with a rough surface.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near the Atlantic coast in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Ripe fruit are put in plastic bags to soften then the sees removed under running water. Fresh seed are planted. They germinate in 5-9 weeks.

NOTES

There are 127 Byrsonima species. They grow in tropical America.

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