PLANT FACT SHEET

Vasconcellea stipulata (V. M. Badillo) V. Badillo

GENUS *Vasconcellea* **FAMILY** Caricaceae

COMMON NAMES Chamburro

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

If the fruit are sweet they are eaten raw. They can have a high papain content.
Other fruit are preserved in sugar or made into jams, sauces or drinks. The fruit are normally peeled.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 8 m tall. It can have spiny stems. The flowers are deep yellow. The fruit are 10 cm long. They have no ridges and a fairly smooth skin.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is native to mid altitude zones in Ecuador. It grows between 1,600-2,500 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants have cropped reliably for 20 years. Fruit weigh about 40-150 g.

NOTES

There are at least 22-40 species of Carica.

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