PLANT FACT SHEET

Allophylus edulis (A. St.-Hil., A. Juss. & Cambess) Radlk. ex Warm.

GENUS *Allophylus* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Fruta de parao

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit have a small amount of edible flesh.
The fruit have been used to make an alcoholic drink. (Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer)

DESCRIPTION

A bushy tree. It can grow 1-15 m tall. The trunk can be 30-50 cm across. The leaves are alternate and have 3 leaflets. The flowers are small and white. The fruit are about the size of a pea. They are red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 190-200 Allophyllus species. Some say there is just one widely variable species.

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