PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhamnidium elaeocarpum Reissek

GENUS *Rhamnidium* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Saraguaji

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 6-16 m high. The trunk is 15-20 cm across. It loses its leaves during the year. The bark is cracked. The leaves are opposite and oval. The leaf stalk is 1-1.5 cm long. The leaves are 10-12 cm long by 4-4.5 cm wide. They taper to the tip. The veins are easy to see. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. The flowers are white. The fruit is fleshy with a hard stone inside. They are oval. The fruit are 9-10 mm across. They are black to purple. There is 1 seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows to 700 m altitude. It grows in the Atlantic rainforest in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 12 Rhamnidium species. They are in tropical South America.

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