PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysophyllum oliviforme L.

GENUS *Chrysophyllum* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Satin-Leaf, Damson-plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked. They can be used for jelly.
The latex is chewed as a chewing gum.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. It grows 10 m high. The bark is thin and reddish-brown. It is scaly. The tree yields a milky latex when cut. The leaves are small and leathery. They are 10 cm long and oval. They are dark green and shiny on top. They have velvety rusty hairs underneath. The fruit are olive-like and dark purple. They have one seed. The seed is narrowly oval and 1.5 cm long. The pulp is fairly dry. It is edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits hot humid climates. In Jamaica it grows up to 900 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. They can also be grown by cuttings and air-layering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fairly slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 80-150 Chrysophyllum species. They are mostly in tropical America. There are 44 species in tropical America.

PICTURES



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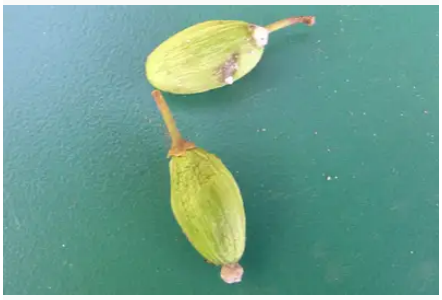

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