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Pouteria hispida Eyma

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

COMMON NAMES Hispid pouteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 17-36 m tall. The trunk is 1 m across. The trunk is fluted and has buttresses 5 m high. The outer bark is grey and flaky. The young shoots have sharp hairs. The leaves are in clusters and arranged in spirals. They are 6-25 cm long by 3-9 cm wide. They are oval. There are stiff hairs on the midrib underneath. Flowers are in groups of 2-6 and are usually clustered below the leaves. The fruit are small yellow berries. They are 4-8 cm long. There are several seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and savanna forest. It grows on non flooded land. It grows from sea level to 900 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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