PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Casearia mexiae* Sandwith

**GENUS** *Casearia* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 7 m high. The crown is umbrella shaped. The leaves are narrowly oval or oval and 8-11 cm long by 4-7 cm wide. They have rounded teeth.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Ecuador it grows between 2,500-3,200 m altitude.

## NOTES

There are 160-180 Casearia species. They are mostly in South America. 75 occur in tropical America. They have also been put in the plant family Flacourtiaceae.

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