PLANT FACT SHEET

Cecropia pachystachya Trecul

GENUS *Cecropia* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

COMMON NAMES Ambay pumpwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the ripe fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 7-15 m tall. The trunk is 15-25 cm across. The leaves are deeply dissected into 9-11 lobes. The leaves are 50 cm across. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. Flowers are small on finger like spikes. Male spikes are 5-10 and female spikes 4-5 and pale green.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits humid soils on the edges of forests. It grows up to 1,100 m above sea level. It needs a sunny position and a well-drained soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds. They sprout in 25-40 days. They can be grown from green wood cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing. It is short lived.

NOTES

Also put in the family Cecropiaceae.

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