PLANT FACT SHEET

Inga marginata Willd.

GENUS *Inga* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Guabilla, Margined inga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - aril, pod, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw. It is the pulp of the pod which is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-15 m high. The trunk is smooth and 30-50 cm across. The leaves are compound. There are 2-3 pairs of leaflets. The end pair of leaflets are 7-18 cm long and the pair at the base 4-12 cm long. The flowers are in spikes in the axils of leaves. They are 4-11 cm long. They can occur singly or in groups. The flowers are white and have a scent. The fruit is a pod about 10 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical America. It will grow in the tropics and subtropics. It grows in moist and wet zones. In Argentina it grows below 700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seeds are removed from the pod and must not be allowed to dry out but planted fresh. They germinate in a few days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow quickly in the field.

NOTES

There are 350 Inga species. Also as Mimosaceae.

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