PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain

It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Luehea speciosa Willd.

GENUS *Luehea* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Guacimo, Whip tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It can grow 25 m tall. The trunk is 45-60 cm wide and there can be buttresses. The leaves are alternate and evenly spaced. They have 3 main veins from the base. The leaves are whitish underneath. The flowers are large and white. They can be 10 cm across. The fruit are 3-5 cm long by 2 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It grows on dry slopes and open land. It grows between 150-1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

It was used for some purpose amongst Maya. These have also been in the Tiliaceae.

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