PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Cyphomandra casana* A. Child

**GENUS** *Cyphomandra* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Casana

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

## DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 2-4 m tall. It is evergreen. It is like a tamarillo but new growth is green. The leaves are darker green, large and more hairy than tamarillo. The fruit are yellow and 8 cm long by 4 cm wide. The fruit are edible. The fruit contain many seeds.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in heavy clay soils. It suits cool, moist shady places. It needs frost free locations. It can stand some shade. It grows best in semi-shaded, misty rainforest. It needs good drainage.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants grow easily from seed when sown fresh. The seeds germinate in 4 weeks at 15°C or in 2 weeks at 25°C. Plants can be grown from semi-ripe cuttings.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruiting begins in 2 years or when plant reach 2 m high.

## NOTES

There are about 30 Cyphomandra species.
An unresolved name in The Plant List.

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