PLANT FACT SHEET

Eschweilera ovata (Cambess.) Miers

GENUS *Eschweilera* **FAMILY** Lecythidaceae

COMMON NAMES Biriba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Seeds - oil

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-19 m high. The crown is a pyramid shape. The trunk is 40-60 cm across. The bark is thick and has cracks along its length. The leaves have 8-10 pairs of side veins. The leaves are 5-14 cm long and 3-6 cm wide. They are on leaf stalks 5-10 cm long. The flowers are in the axils of leaves or at the ends of the branches. The flowering groups are 3-12 cm long. They are yellow and white. The flowers have a scent. The fruit have 1-4 seeds with stripes on them. They have a yellow aril on the side.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Brazil in the western Amazon region.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The ripe fruit are harvested and put in the shade to dry and open. The fresh seeds are planted and germinate in 4-5 weeks.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The plant grows at a moderate rate.

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