PLANT FACT SHEET

Casimiroa tetrameria Millsp.

GENUS *Casimiroa* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow sapote, Woolly leaf sapote

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh. (Some forms are bitter). They are baked in pies, chilled and served in fruit salads or made into butter.
The fruit can be dried and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized deciduous tree. It can grow to 17 m high or higher. The leaves have a dense, white, furry underside. The small flowers occur in large groups. A large yellowish fruit. The pulp is yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can tolerate cold. It grows in tropical or subtropical America. It does best with moderate humidity. They need sunny locations in cooler places and shade in warmer places. They have a deep taproot which requires deep soil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Fruit should be picked as they soften. They can also be grown by budding and grafting.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing. Seedlings produce fruit after 6-8 years. Budded or grafted trees produce fruit after 3-4 years. Fruit ripen 6-8 months after flowering.

NOTES

There are 5 Casimiroa species.

PICTURES



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