PLANT FACT SHEET

Pourouma guianensis Aubl.

GENUS *Pourouma* **FAMILY** Urticaceae

COMMON NAMES Guiana pourouma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10-15 m high. The trunk is upright. It is 15-30 cm across. The bark is fairly smooth. The leaves vary in shape. They can be 3-5 lobes or parted. The leaves are 12-25 cm across. The flowers are male and female. They are 15-20 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the dryland forest of Amazon.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The ripe fruit are harvested and crushed to remove the seeds. The seeds are washed under running water. Fresh seed are planted. They germinate in 3-6 weeks.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow quickly in the field.

NOTES

Also put in the family Cecropiaceae and Moraceae.

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