PLANT FACT SHEET

Pouteria venosa subsp. amazonica (Martius) Baehni, Pennington

GENUS *Pouteria* **FAMILY** Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-24 m high. The crown is round and dense. The trunk is 30-60 cm high. The bark is wrinkled and cracked. The leaves are towards the ends of the branches. The leaves are 7-21 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. They have 8-14 pairs of secondary veins. The leaf stalk is 1-3 cm long and has a groove along it. The flowers are in the axils of leaves that have fallen. There are 1-6 bisexual flowers. The fruit is a berry 4-8 cm across. There are 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the Amazon and on the southern coast of Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. The ripe fruit are harvested and the seed removed. Fresh seed are planted. They germinate in 40-60 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow quickly.

NOTES

There are about 150-320 Pouteria species. They grow in the tropics.

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