



PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysophyllum pruniforme (Engl.) Pierre ex Engl.

GENUS *Chrysophyllum* FAMILY Sapotaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is edible in some regions.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 30 m high. The trunk is 80 cm across. The trunk is straight and cylinder shaped. It may have slight buttresses. The leaves are alternate in 2 rows. They are simple and entire. The leaf blade is 4-11 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The flowers are in tufts in the axils of leaves. They are greenish. The fruit are round or oval and 5 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are yellow when ripe. They have up to 5 seeds. The seeds are 2.5 cm long by 1.5 cm wide and shiny brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforest usually on well drained soils. It suits humid locations. In East Africa it grows up to 1,500 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 80-150 *Chrysophyllum* species. They are mostly in tropical America. There are 44 species in tropical America.

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