



## PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Eugenia itaguahiensis* Nied.

GENUS *Eugenia* FAMILY Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Grumixama-mirim

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh and also used for jelly.

## DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen shrub. It grows 2-4 m high. The leaves are oval and leathery. They are dark green on top and whitish underneath. They are 3-6 cm long. The young leaves are a copper colour. The flowers occur singly on the axils of leaves and on long stalks. They are white but turn pink. The fruit are shiny black berries. They have long sepals that remain on top.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows naturally on forest levees in Brazil.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seeds are collected from ripe fruit and the pulp removed. Seeds need to be planted fresh. Seedlings emerge in 20-40 days.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow slowly.

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