

# Lemon Drop Mangosteen *Garcinia intermedia*

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## Description

From Central America/Mexico (called Mameyito in Spanish)

Fast growing, small evergreen tree or shrub 10-15ft, suitable for container growing or for espalier

Small white flowers; thick, leathery, deep green leaves; straight, dark brown trunk

Fruit is oval, about one inch long, with a thin, yellow to reddish rind, and a sweet-sour flavor, from June to August. Fruit is eaten fresh or made into jam, juice, or jellies.

## Culture

Requires a humid tropical climate, USDA zones 9b-11

Part shade to full sun. More prolific fruit in full sun

Tolerates a range of soil conditions

Cold tolerance to 30 degrees F but prefer temperatures above 40 degrees F

Generally propagated from seed and can fruit within 2-3 years from seed.

## Other Uses

Wood is nearly immune to insects and therefore valued for construction.

References: Growables.org; Fruits of Warm Climates by Julia F. Morton