

Botanical Name: Psidium cattleianum (P. littorale)

Common Name: Strawberry guava

Type of Plant: Dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape shrubby, upright, often multi-trunked with a loose,  
rounded canopy - attractive smooth bark is golden to grayish-brown

Height 10-15' Spread 10-12' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun to full sun

Soil tolerates most soils

Hardiness some frost; zones 9,14,15-24

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, elliptic to ovate 2-4" long smooth,  
waxy, medium green

Flowers white, bisexual, solitary or in axillary clusters 1/2-3/4"  
across -- numerous stamens - April-July

Fruit berry - round to 1-1/4" diameter, deep red

Propagation: seed

Usage: small accent tree for fruit, bark, branch structure and  
foliage - valued as a container plant, informal hedge or screen

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering - tolerates drought when established

Fertilizing slow-release at planting - balanced in spring

Pruning to shape desired - thin to expose branch structure

Pests/Diseases pest free

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil Family: Myrtaceae