

Botanical Name: Psidium littorale

Common Name: Lemon Guava

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape highly variable; mostly erect and multi-trunked with an open, loose rounded canopy; trunk and larger branches are smooth, with gray-green to golden brown bark

Height 10-15'(20') Spread 2/3-equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial or full sun

Soil prefers a rich loam; can tolerate most soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 9,15-24); thrives in warm locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, elliptic-obovate; 1-1/2-4" long, smooth, leathery, med.-green, with short (1/4") petioles

Flowers white, bisexual, solitary or in small terminal or axillary clusters; 1/2-1" broad, with numerous stamens; April-July

Fruit a berry; round, pale yellow, 1-1/2" diam., ripens in fall

Propagation: seed

Usage: an attractive small accent tree used for its form and

fruit; suitable for use as a container plant, informal screen or hedge

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular; tolerates some drought after established

Fertilizing balanced, in late spring

Pruning to shape desired; thin out canopy and head high

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Tropical Brazil Family: Myrtaceae