



Flowering Trees

Annona cherimola Mill. of the family Annonaceae is a moderate size evergreen to deciduous tree distributed in the forests of Andes and other parts of South America.

The tree is erect, somewhat spreading and grows upto 30 feet. Bark is dark brown and fissured. Leaves are simple, alternate with entire margin. Flowers are solitary, leaf-opposed and sometimes in fascicles. Petals are greenish, 3-6, and often appear like sepals. Fruit is green, resembling that of a custard apple. Seeds are enveloped by fleshy pulp which is sweet when ripe and is edible.

The tree is often cultivated. Fruit is rich in annonaceous acetogenins which have anti-cancer, anti-malarial and anti-helminthic properties.