



Flowering Trees

Annona muricata L. of the family Annonaceae or Custard Apple family is a small upright evergreen tree native to the Caribbean and Central America. Bark is greyish-brown in colour, often fissured. Branchlets are hairy when young, becoming glabrous upon maturity. Leaves are simple, alternate, entire with leathery texture and slightly hairy beneath. Flowers are bisexual, solitary, terminal or leaf opposed with a small woody stalk. Petals are lemon-yellow, 3 or 6, arranged in two whorls. Fruit is dark-green, prickly, with a sour-sweet white pulp enclosing many reddish-brown seeds.

The extracts of leaves are known to be cytotoxic and quite effective in treatment of Herpes virus. Used as chemotherapy in treatment of cancer cells.