

Trees

TR30-5 - Star Apple Tree Seeds

Chrysophyllum cainito. Open Pollinated. Star Apple Tree. This tropical tree produces heavy yields of edible 2 to 4" diameter round dark-purple fruit. The tree produces up to 150 lbs of fruit. The skin and rind are not edible. When opening a Star Apple, cut in half and spooned out the flesh. With a combination of chopped Star Apple flesh with Mango, Citrus, Pineapple, other fruits, and coconut water is frozen and served as Jamaica Fruit Salad Ice. It is also used for medicinal uses to soothe inflammation in laryngitis and pneumonia. It is given as a treatment for diabetes mellitus, and as a decoction is gargled to relieve angina. The leaves are used as a cancer remedy. The latex from the tree is applied to abscesses. Also taken as a diuretic, febrifuge, and remedy for dysentery. The wood of the tree is used for heavy building construction used to make furniture and cabinetwork. The Star Apple Tree is a tropical tree that does well only in the warm locations of southern Florida and on the Florida Keys. Trees are seriously injured at 28 F and below temperatures. It was introduced into Ceylon in 1802 and then brought to the Philippines and has become a very common roadside fruit tree. A variety originating from Jamaica.

