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Inga edulis, Inga affinis

Family: Fabaceae subfam. Mimosoideae

Ice Cream Bean, Inga, Guama

Origin: Central and Southern America



A large attractive tree with spreading branches and lovely white and yellow pompom type flowers. Between each leaflet there is a nectary gland on the leaf rachis. The pods look similar to a tamarind pod. A nitrogen fixing tree, produces bean pods up to 3 FT long which contain sweet, juicy, white pulp that has a soft cotton wool texture and tastes of vanilla ice-cream. "A delectable snack that comes in its own natural wrapper" which is loved by children. The seeds commonly germinate while the fruit is still attached to the tree. If you look carefully, you can see the bright green of the first leaves put out by the seed while it is still inside the fruit!



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9 months old seedling



Seed



Nectar gland



Nectar gland



Young leaf



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Seed while it is still inside the fruit



Fruit

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1114 Inga feuille (edulis) - Ice Cream Bean

Ice Cream Bean, Inga - nice shade tree and wonderful fruit that kids love!. Fast-growing. This species is very close to Inga edulis (affinis). **THIS ITEM IS CERTIFIED FOR SHIPPING TO CALIFORNIA.**

Grown in 3 gal pot, large plant

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