



TREE SPECIES (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

*Aegiphila grandis*

COLOMBIAN COMMON NAME

Queso fresco, varablanca, juamblanco

TREE FAMILY

LAMIACEAE

AVERAGE LEAF SIZE (CM)

6cm × 2.5cm  
Length Width

DISTRIBUTION



NATIVE TO COLOMBIA

ELEVATIONAL RANGE (M)

1400–2900m

TREE HEIGHT

LARGE (> 35M)



NATIVE TO

Region: Americas

Latin America: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

Colombia: Antioquia, Caldas, Cundinamarca, Nariño, Quindío, Santander

## COFFEE AGROFORESTRY INFORMATION

COFFEE SYSTEM



ARABICA

COFFEE IMPACT



BENEFICIAL TO COFFEE

TREE MANAGEMENT

Propagated by shoots and seedlings that are established in the soil, and cuttings and seeds can be used as well.

CULTIVATION



PLANTED

## TREE BENEFITS AND USES

FARMER USES



Fuelwood, Lumber

Used to make the ends of tools and fences.

FARM SERVICES



Coffee Shade, Windbreak, Soil Improvement, Reforestation, Carbon Capture

Widely used in reforestation, common in secondary forests.

BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS



YES

Attracts biological control agents, Attracts seed dispersers, Attracts pollinators. Tree highly visited by birds, from woodpeckers to flycatchers. Fruits attract frugivorous birds while flowers draw insectivorous birds.

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