



TREE SPECIES (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

Palicourea thyrsiflora

COLOMBIAN COMMON NAME

Cafetillo

TREE FAMILY

RUBIACEAE

AVERAGE LEAF SIZE (CM)

17cm × 6cm
Length Width

DISTRIBUTION



NATIVE TO COLOMBIA

ELEVATIONAL RANGE (M)

0–3150m

TREE HEIGHT

SMALL (10–20M)



NATIVE TO

Region: Americas

Latin America: Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela

Colombia: Antioquia, Boyacá, Caldas, Cauca, Cundinamarca, Huila, Risaralda, Santander, Valle del Cauca

COFFEE AGROFORESTRY INFORMATION

COFFEE SYSTEM



ARABICA

COFFEE IMPACT

Unknown

TREE MANAGEMENT

Propagated by seeds and cuttings.

CULTIVATION



PLANTED



NATURAL

TREE BENEFITS AND USES

FARMER USES



Fuelwood, Medicinal, Ornamental, Ceremonial

Used to adorn and decorate spaces. Used as firewood.

FARM SERVICES



Soil Improvement, Carbon Capture, Water Protection

Used for water protection and decontamination

BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS



YES

Attracts biological control agents, Attracts seed dispersers, Attracts pollinators. These small trees are from the same family as coffee. They can be used to create different layers in shade and facilitate the descent of insectivorous birds into the coffee plantation. Flowers attract many pollinating insects and also bats. Fruits are also desired by different types of birds, including species that feed more frequently on invertebrates. Spiders have also been seen in these trees in search of fruits and insects.

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