

TREE SPECIES (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

Piper aduncum

COLOMBIAN COMMON NAME

Cordoncillo, platanillo

TREE FAMILY

PIPERACEAE

AVERAGE LEAF SIZE (CM)

14см × 7см Length Width

ELEVATIONAL RANGE (M)

0 - 2600 M

TREE HEIGHT

SMALL (10-20M)







DISTRIBUTION



NATIVE TO COLOMBIA

NATIVE TO

Region: Americas

Latin America: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Suriname, Trinidad-Tobago, Venezuela, Windward Islands Colombia: Antioquia, Boyacá, Cauca, Cundinamarca, Huila, Quindío, Risaralda, Santander, Tolima, Valle del Cauca

EXOTIC IN

Latin America: Asia, Florida, Galapagos

COFFEE AGROFORESTRY INFORMATION

COFFEE SYSTEM

ARABICA

COFFEE IMPACT

Unknown

TREE MANAGEMENT

Propagated and planted in a nursery from seeds, cuttings and seedlings.

CULTIVATION





TREE BENEFITS AND USES

FARMER USES













Food, Livestock Forage, Fuelwood, Medicinal, Product, Ceremonial

Used as an insecticide. Used as firewood.

FARM SERVICES





Soil Improvement, Carbon Capture

Soil conservation and recovery of degraded areas

BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS



Attracts biological control agents, Attracts pollinators. When they are producing fruit, these little trees attract several bird species. Many insects are also attracted including large ones such as stick insects.

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