

*Annona glabra*

[Synonyms : *Annona australis*, *Annona chrysocarpa*, *Annona klainii*, *Annona klainii* var. *moandensis*, *Annona laurifolia*, *Annona palustris*, *Annona peruviana*, *Annona pisonis*, *Annona uliginosa*]

**POND APPLE** is an evergreen tree. Native to tropical southern North America and west Africa, it has spicy scented creamy white or pale dull yellow flowers.

It is also known as *Alligatorapfel* (German), Alligator apple, *Annone des marais* (French), *Anona de Rio* (Nicaraguan, Spanish), *Anona lisa* (Spanish), *Anón de puerco* (Spanish), *Anone des marais* (French), *Anonillo cabuye* (Spanish), *Anón liso* (Spanish), *Araticu-bravo* (Portuguese), *Araticum do Rio* (Brazilian, Portuguese), *Araticunzeiro-do-brejo* (Brazilian, Portuguese), *Bình bát* (Vietnamese), Bobapple, *Cachiman cochon* (French), *Chirimoya cimarrona* (Spanish), *Chirimoya de los pantanos* (Spanish), Corkwood, *Corossolier des marais* (French), *Cortisso* (Brazilian, Portuguese, Spanish), Custard-apple, *Mamain* (French, Martinique), Mangrove anona, *Mangroven-Annone* (German), Monkey apple, *Niu xin guo* (Chinese), *Pondo appuru* (Japanese), and *Wasserapfel* (German).

The wood is lighter than that of balsa (*Ochroma pyramidale*).

Warning – seeds are said to be poisonous.

*Glabra* is Latin (hairless, bald) meaning ‘hairless or smooth’.

The pear-shaped insipid-tasting, brown blotched, yellowish-orange fruit have provided food for the North American Seminole Indian tribe.

The Seminole Indians used the plant for material for making spoons – and the lightweight wood was used by the Negro slaves as a stopper for closing the mouth of a calabash and as floats for fishing nets.

Today the fruit are occasionally used to make jams and other preserves.