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*Annona palustris*

**SHINING-LEAVED CUSTARD APPLE** is a tree. It is native to tropical America and the West Indies.

It is also known as Alligator apple, Ata apple, Cork-wood, Pith-tree, and Pond-apple.

Warning – it may be poisonous.

*Palustris* is derived from Latin *palus* (bog, marsh) meaning ‘of or from bogs, swamps or marshes’.

The light pithy wood is used for making corks and floats.