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Coccoloba diversifolia

[Synonyms : *Coccoloba floridana*, *Coccoloba lancifolia*, *Coccoloba laurifolia*, *Coccoloba oligocarpa*]

DOVEPLUM is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to the Caribbean and southern Florida it has small pale yellowish-green flowers.

It is also known as Pigeonplum, and Tietongue.

Diversifolia means ‘diversely-leaved’ with reference to the leaf shapes.

Doveplum provided food for the North American Seminole Indians.

Many birds and animals have been observed eating the small pear-shaped, dark red to black fruit including woodpeckers, American robins, mocking birds, pigeons and not least raccoons.

The brown wood has been used occasionally for making furniture.

Some authorities recommend doveplum as a street tree.

Medicinally, some records suggest that the tree has been used in local remedies for treating back ache, stomach upsets and incontinence.