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Eugenia luschnathiana

[Synonyms : *Eugenia lucescens*, *Phylloclalyx luschnathianus*]

PITOMBA (English, French and Portuguese) is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to Brazil it has white flowers with many stamens.

The sweet and aromatic, orange-yellow berries (that are said to have a taste reminiscent of apricots, *Prunus armeniaca*) can be eaten raw or made into preserves and jams – or squeezed for their juice. Occasionally pitomba is cultivated locally for the fruit but despite attracting some commercial interest these are still rarely eaten outside Brazil.

Pitomba has been cultivated as an ornamental plant.