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*Melicoccus bijugatus*

[Synonyms : *Melicocca bijuga*]

**HONEYBERRY** is a tree. Native to tropical America it has tiny fragrant, greenish-white flowers.

It is also known as Akee, Barbados akee, Genipa, Genip tree, Ginep, *Limoncillo* (Spanish), Mamoncillo, and Spanish lime.

Warning – children have died from eating the fruit. The pulp fibres can form a coating over the stomach lining.

*Bijugatus* is derived from Latin *bi* (two) and *jugi-* (yoke, yoke-attachment, ridge) components meaning ‘double-yoked or two pairs joined’.

The fruit are sold in the local markets. They are generally eaten raw and the seeds’ edible starchy, white kernels are roasted.

Locally the fairly hard and lightweight, light brown to yellowish wood has been used occasionally for cabinetwork.

Authorities believe that honeyberry was introduced to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in about 1907.

Medicinally, local remedies have included a decoction of the bark for treatment of dysentery.