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*Persea schiedeana*

[Synonyms : *Persea gratissima* var. *schiedeana*, *Persea pittieri*]

**SHINNINI** is a deciduous tree. Native to South America it has densely greyish-haired clusters of light greenish-yellow flowers and fruit containing avocado-coconut tasting flesh.

It is also known as Coyo, Coyo avocado, and Wild pear.

One fruit can weigh 8-14 oz.

*Schiedeana* commemorates a German botanist, Christian Julius Wilhelm Schiede (1780-1836) also known as Guillermo, who collected plants in Mexico from 1828 until his death in 1836.

The dark brown fruit (with a taste said to be a cross between avocado and coconut, *Cocos nucifera*) can be found for sale in local markets and are eaten in salads.

The wood has been used for construction and general carpentry.

Shinnini was introduced to the United States in 1948 from Guatemala and Honduras.