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*Psidium acutangulum*

[Synonyms : *Britoa acida*, *Britoa sellowiana*, *Campomanesia acida*, *Psidium araca* var. *acidum*, *Psidium grandiflorum*]

**PARA GUAVA** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to northern South America it has white flowers each with over 300 stamens.

It is also known as *Ampi yacu* (Peruvian), *Araçá-pera* (Brazilian), *Guabira* (Bolivian), *Guayava del agua* (Peruvian), and *Puca yacu* (Peruvian).

*Acutangulum* is derived from Latin *acuti-* (pointed, acute, sharp) and *anguli-* (angle, corner) components meaning 'with sharp angles' with reference to the fruit.

The small pale yellow fruit, although on occasion eaten raw with honey, have been especially prized for making drinks and preserves.