

*Spondias purpurea*

[Synonyms : *Spondias cirouella*, *Spondias crispula*, *Spondias dulcis*, *Spondias macrocarpa*, *Spondias mexicana*, *Spondias mombin*, *Spondias myrobalanus*, *Spondias purpurea* var. *munita*, *Warmingia pauciflora*]

**SPANISH PLUM** is a semi-deciduous tree. Native to tropical America and the West Indies (including Barbados) it has small pale yellow flowers.

It is also known as *Acaiba* (Brazilian), *Ambuzeiro* (Portuguese), *Ameixa da Espanha* (Portuguese), *Bala* (Costa Rican), *Cajá* (Brazilian, Portuguese), Chile plum, *Cirgûelo* (Spanish), *Ciriguela* (Portuguese), *Ciriouela* (Portuguese), *Ciruela* (Spanish), *Ciruela colorada* (Spanish), *Ciruela común* (Spanish), *Ciruela de monte* (Spanish), *Ciruela española* (Spanish), *Ciruela jobo* (Spanish), *Ciruela roja* (Spanish), *Ciruelo* (Spanish), *Ciruelo de hueso* (Spanish), *Ciruelo mexicano* (Spanish), *Ciruelo morada* (Spanish), *Ciruelo roja* (Spanish), Fiks plum, Gully plum, *Hobo* (Colombian, Mexican, Spanish), *Hobo blanco* (Colombian, Spanish), *Hobo colorado* (Colombian, Spanish), *Hoebœ* (Surinamese), Hog plum, *Imbuzeiro* (Portuguese), Jamaican plum, *Jobillo* (Spanish), *Jobito* (Costa Rican, Panamanian, Spanish), *Jobo* (English, Spanish), *Jobo blanco* (Colombian), *Jobo colorado* (Spanish), *Jobo corronchoso* (Spanish, Venezuelan), *Jobo gusanero* (Spanish), *Jocote* (Spanish), *Jocote ácido* (El Salvadorean, Spanish), *Jocote colorado* (Spanish), *Jocote común* (Spanish), *Jocote de azúcarón* (El Salvadorean, Spanish), *Jocote de iguana* (El Salvadorean, Spanish), *Jocote de pitarrio* (El Salvadorean, Spanish), *Jocote de Verano* (El Salvadorean, Spanish), *Jocote tronador* (El Salvadorean, Spanish), *Makka pruim* (Dutch), *Makok farang* (Thai), *Mombin* (French), *Mombinpflaume* (German), *Mombinplommon* (Swedish), *Mombin rouge* (French), *Monben* (Creole), *Pau da tapera* (Brazilian), *Prune café* (French), *Prune d'Espagne* (French), *Prune du Chili* (French), *Prunier des Antilles* (French), *Prunier d'Espagne* (French), *Punamombin* (Finnish), Purple mombin, Red mombin, Red plum, *Rød mombinblomme* (Danish), *Rode mombinpruim* (Dutch), *Roed mombinblomme* (Danish), *Roett balsamplommon* (Swedish), *Rote Mombinpflaume* (German), Santa Rosa plum, Scarlet plum, *Sineguélas* (Filipino/Tagalog), *Spanische Pflaume* (German), *Spondias*, *Susina mombin rossa* (Italian), *Ubo* (Peruvian, Spanish), *Umbuzeiro* (Brazilian, Portuguese), West Indian plum, Wild plum, Yellow mombin, and *Yocote* (Spanish).

Warning – the fruit can cause stomach-ache if eaten in large quantities.

*Purpurea* is Latin (purple-coloured).

Spanish plum was introduced to the Philippines by Spanish settlers.

The small yellow or purple fruit are eaten cooked.

The tree is often cultivated as hedging.

Its pale brown wood has been used for general carpentry and manufacturing plywood. It has also been made into parts of furniture, and boxes and crates.