

Amarillo



Occurrence

The amarillo tree can be found in the tropics of Central America. Its range extends from the Gulf of Mexico to Guyana. The tree grows at altitudes between 40-1,200 m above sea level and prefers moist soils, but also thrives on acid soils.

Significance

Due to its beautiful yellow flowers, the tree is often planted in cities as an ornamental tree. Its wood is in great demand for handicrafts.

Threats

The stock of amarillo trees is still stable which is why it is not yet on the red list of the Washington Convention (CITES). However, the stock is decreasing, which is why the amarillo tree can be put on this list in the future.

At ForestFinance

The amarillo tree grows on ForestFinance fincas in Panama in the regions of Chiriquí, Veraguas, Panama and Darién.



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max. 50 metres
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max. 1.5 metres

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FAMILY *COMBRETACEA*

GENUS *TERMINALIA*

SPECIES *TERMINALIA AMAZONIA*

Characteristics



Leaves

The light-green tear-drop shaped leaves with entire margins are 2-4 cm long.



Bark

The thin grey-brown bark is longitudinally cracked and peels off in layers.



Fruits

The 2 cm long green winged fruits with five small wings turn golden when ripe.



Flowers

In the tropical dry season in January and February, the fine yellow flowers, approx. 6 mm in size, bloom.



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Description of wood

Sapwood and heartwood are homogeneous in colour and are characteristically golden yellow. The colour of the wood has influenced the name of the tree, as the Spanish word for yellow is amarillo. The amarillo tree grows alternately, which makes its wood particularly stable. It is very hard and durable. When treated, it develops a matt shine and is very decorative.



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DENSITY

0.57-0.7 g/cm³

JANKA HARDNESS

987 lbf

Use

Amarillo wood is quite popular in Latin America as construction wood. It is used for carpentry work such as buildings, windows or doors as well as in furniture construction.



Processing

Amarillo can be processed in many great ways: from craftsmanship of ballpoint pens to wine shelves.



Seedlings

The amarillo seedlings are obtained from ForestFinance forests from natural regeneration and carefully transplanted into plant bags. When they reach a height of 20 cm they can be transplanted to the fincas.



Amarillo wood is also known as bully-wood and is sold under the commercial names *roble coral* or *amarillón*.