

AGATELANG

Botanical Name: *Eugenia palumbis*
Native range: Marianas Islands

Common Name:



Description: Agatelang is a shrub or small tree (up to 15 ft. tall) that is endemic to the Mariana Islands. Its stems and leaves are smooth, except for the younger branchlets and calyces. The tree produces small edible fruits.

Uses and cultural significance: The wood of Agatelang is hard and very flexible. Historically, the tree was used to make axe handles and booms for ox-carts. Its dense foliage makes it a great hedge species. It's fruits serve as a food for wildlife.

How To Grow and Care For This Plant

Sun	Water	Soil	Fertilizer	Pests+Diseases
Full or partial sun.	Water regularly, letting the soil dry out between waterings.	It is found on limestone cliffs, sloping limestone and sandy flats. Prefers well-drained soils with a pH of 5.5-6.5.	Doesn't necessarily need a fertilizer.	Potentially scale insects. Potentially fungal leaf spot and rust.

Propagation

Collect seeds from ripe fruits to propagate Agatelang.
Each fruit will contain one or two seeds.

Resources:

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