

# ALAGETA

**Botanical Name:** *Persea americana*  
**Native range:** Central America and Columbia

**Common Name:** Avacado



**Description:** Alageta is a medium-to-tall tropical evergreen tree (up to 60 ft.). Originating in Central America (or Mesoamerica), the people there have been gathering and eating wild avocados for over 10,000 years. The Spanish probably introduced Alageta to the Pacific Islands and other tropical and subtropical regions. Alageta was brought to Guam in 1899.

**Uses and cultural significance:** Alageta fruits from April to September. Although fruiting season may vary with tree variety and climate. Alageta can also make a great windbreak as it grow tall relatively fast and perform well in Guam’s soils.

## How To Grow and Care For This Plant

Sun	Water	Soil	Fertilizer	Pests+Diseases
Full sun.	Water enough to keep the soil evenly moist but not too wet.	Grows in a variety of soil types as long as they are well-drained.	Incorporate organic mulch or compost into the soil.	Mites, thrips, whiteflies, mealybugs, and scales  Root rot, anthracnose, and algal leaf spot

<b>Propagation</b>	Alageta is propagated by seed or grafting. Starting a plant from seed is much easier than grafting but a grafted tree will likely start to produce fruit much faster.
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- Resources:**
- Bamba, J. and Wall, P. University of Guam College of Natural and Applied Sciences. (2017). *Avocado tree care on Guam*.
  - Wikicommons (photo sources)

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