

# LAGUANA

**Botanical Name:** *Annona muricata*  
**Native range:** Mexico and South America

**Common Name:** Soursop



**Description:** Laguana is a low branching, bushy, small-to-medium sized tree (up to 30 ft.). It is not native to the region but it is a popular local fruit. Its fruits are more or less oval-shaped, some times lopsided or curved, due to improper carper development or insect injury.

**Uses and cultural significance:** Laguana is one of the seven fast-to-fruit trees recommended for planting in the UOG publication, “Seven Trees, Seven Practices.” Laguana fruit is high in vitamins C and B and antioxidants. The leaves, bark and seeds are used medicinally and have been found to support anticancer, antiparasitic and insecticidal activity.

## How To Grow and Care For This Plant

Sun	Water	Soil	Fertilizer	Pests+Diseases
Full sun.	Water regularly, letting soil dry out between waterings.	Prefers deep, rich, well-drained soils with a pH of 6-7.	Incorporate organic mulch or compost into the soil.	Mealybugs and scale insects.  Anthracnose and the fungus, <i>Scolecotrichum</i> sp.

<b>Propagation</b>	Laguana is propagated by seeds. They should be sown in flats or containers and kept moist and shaded.
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**Resources:**

- “Soursop – *Annona muricata*.” Sub-tropical Fruit Club of Qld Inc, 2 April 2020, <https://stfc.org.au/articles/soursop-annona-muricata/>.
- Wikicommons (photo sources)

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