

## Diospyros Blancoi, Mabolo, Temburini - Plant



Velvet apple is a rather slow-growing, evergreen tree. It varies in habit from a small, straggly tree with drooping branches.

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Description

### Description for Diospyros Blancoi, Mabolo, Temburini

Mabolo is a medium-sized tree growing to a height of 20 meters. Leaves are leathery, oblong, up to 20 centimeters long, with a round base and acute tip. The blade is glossy green, smooth above and softly hairy below. A rather slow growing tree, it can take 3 years before seedlings are ready to transplant to their permanent positions.

Female flowers are axillary and solitary, larger than the male. Fruits are fleshy, globose, up to 8-10 centimeters in diameter, densely covered with short brown hairs. The pulp is edible. The fruit hairs have to be rubbed off before eating as it can cause peri-oral itching and irritation.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Diospyros Blancoi, Temburini, Velvet Apple, Mabolo tree, Kamagong, mabolo, tÃ¼lang, butter fruit , velvet apple, Caca de Chat, matib , Palauan .	Cream/Tan	Late Spring/Early Summer/Mid Summer	50-100ft.	Easy to grow.

### Planting and care

Seed-it has a very short viability and so should be sown as soon as possible. The flesh should be removed since this contains germination inhibitors. Sow the seed in a shady position in a nursery seedbed.

The sowing media for ebony uses soil and fine sand at the ratio 3:1. The seed is planted horizontally or vertically with the radicle end down, with a sowing depth of 1 - 1½ times the thickness of seed.

Distance between the seeds is 3 - 5cm. Seeds are very sensitive to desiccation during germination and early growth, so must be regularly watered at this time. Normally the seed will germinate after one week. In one trial, fresh seed, sown one day after collection, showed 85% germination rate within 17 - 65 days.

Sunlight  
Full sun.

Soil  
Succeeding on almost any  
soil and requiring very little  
attention

Water  
Water well during dry  
periods.

Temperature  
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Fertilizer  
Feed twice yearly with any  
organic fertilizer.

## Caring for Diospyros Blancoi

Average Water Needs; Water regularly, do not over water.

## Typical uses of Diospyros Blancoi

### Special features:

#### Culinary use:

Fruit is edible, the tannin content declining as it ripens  
A good source of vitamins A, C, and minerals.

**Ornamental use:** It is sometimes cultivated for its fruit and wood in the tropics, most commonly as a backyard tree, and is also often used as a shade tree along the sides of roads.

**Medicinal use:** A decoction of the young leaves is used as a treatment for hypertension, heart ailments and diabetes. The leaves are heated and squeezed with the leaves of *Plectranthus amboinicus* to make a preparation that is used to treat chest colds.

## References

<http://tropical.theferns.info/viewtropical.php?id=Diospyros+blancoi>