



Forestry Native Plants of Guam Series

# APLOKATING

**Botanical Name:** *Psychotria mariana*  
**Common Name:**  
**Native Range:** Endemic to the Mariana Islands

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## Description

Aplokating is a small tree that can grow up to about 30 feet. It can only be found growing naturally in and on edges of limestone forests of the Mariana Islands. Flowers are small and white, growing in clusters near tips of branches. Its fruits mature from green-red. (Raulerson & Rinehart, 1991)

## Propagation

Aplokating fruits contain one or two seeds, and germinate anywhere from 1-3 months. Plants are slow growing and can take up to one year to transplant from 1-gallon root maker pots.



## Uses

Locally, aplokating has been known to be used for construction (Safford, 1905). Its edible fruits probably serve as a food source for wildlife. It is also used for local herbal medicine.

## References:

- Raulerson, L. and A. Rinehart. 1991. *Trees and Shrubs of the Northern Mariana Islands*. Coastal Resources Management, Office of the Governor, CNMI. 120p.
- Safford, W.E. 1905. *The Useful Plants of the Island of Guam*. Washington Government Printing Office. 416p.

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