

# Pometia pinnata

*Pometia pinnata* is a large tropical hardwood and fruit tree species, with common names including **matoa**, **taun tree**, **island lychee**, **tava**, and of the plant family Sapindaceae (maple and lychee family). Naturally widespread, the trees grow through south east Asia, Malesia and the Pacific region. They grow up to tall canopy trees of 40 m (130 ft) tall.<sup>[1]</sup> They have pinnate leaves and green, yellow, or dark red fruits up to 4 cm (1.6 in) long, each with three seeds, surrounded by a fleshy aril somewhat like a lychee, edible and popular fruit for eating.

## 1 See also

- List of Sapindaceae genera

## 2 References

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