



A WHITE SAPOTE TREE IN GUATEMALA.

(*Casimiroa edulis*. See S. P. I. No. 39583.)

The unusual hardiness of this fruit tree, combined with the excellent shipping quality and unusual earliness of its fruit (ripening in May), entitle it to the serious consideration of Florida and California horticulturists. A tree of this species passed unharmed through the freeze of February 3, 1917, at Miami, Fla., when the temperature fell to 26° F., although it was coming into bloom at the time. In California it is considered as drought resistant as the pepper tree. Little attempt has yet been made to select superior strains of this fruit tree, much less to cross the known species. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, at Antigua, Guatemala, September 13, 1916; P16783FS.)