

Mida acuminata (Santalaceae), 48837. **Quandong.** From Sydney, New South Wales. Seeds presented by the New South Wales Forestry Commission. The **quandong**, sometimes called native peach, attains a height of 30 feet, and is found in the hotter and drier parts of New South Wales. The lanceolate leaves are much relished by cattle, and because of the remarkable drought-enduring properties of this tree it is very valuable in times of scarcity of rain. The fruit is red, from 1½ to 3 inches in circumference, and of considerable economic value. The succulent outer part is edible and makes an excellent conserve and jelly. The edible kernels have a pleasant flavor and contain a large percentage of oil, which when burned gives a good light. (Adapted from the Pastoral Finance Association Magazine, Sydney, September 1, 1918.)

For previous introduction see S. P. I. No. 43423, Plant Immigrants, No. 126, October, 1916, p. 1064.

Mimusops zeyheri (Sapotaceae), 48777. From Johannesburg, Transvaal. Seeds collected by Dr. H. L. Shantz, agricultural explorer. "A yellow fruit about one inch long, with a dry, sweet flesh, similar to a jujube. This is apparently a very large-fruited species of the genus, of which the fruits are said to be delicious. I did not have an opportunity to test them for I could not find the tree from which the fruits came, and only those not thoroughly ripe had been cast aside by the children who were eating them. It may be well worth cultivating." (Shantz.)

Mouriria pusa (Melastomaceae), 48838. **Pusa.** From Minas Geraes, Brazil. Seeds presented by Dr. Alvaro da Silveira, Bello Horizonte. "The fruit is edible; the pulp is sweet, and the flavor most pleasing to the natives." (Silveira.)

A tree about 10 feet tall, with an upright stem, and horizontal branches. The obliquely globose fruit is as large as that of the common wild cherry. It is much esteemed and is called **Pusa** by the natives. (Adapted from Hooker's Journal of Botany, p. 23.)

Osyris abyssinica (Santalaceae), 48817. From Pretoria, Transvaal. Seeds collected by Dr. H. L. Shantz, agricultural explorer. "A most highly prized tannin plant imparting a very desirable color to leather; if it could be produced, it would be in great demand as