Eugenia uniflora (E. michelii) *Myrtaceae* Brazil, West Indies, Tropical America  
**Common names: English:** Brazil cherry, Surinam cherry, pitanga.

**Ecology:** A native of South America introduced to Uganda. Often found near church missions.

**Uses:** Food, fruit, ornamental, live fence.

**Description:** An evergreen shrub or small tree 2-3 m high. BARK: brown. LEAVES: simple and opposite, shiny dark green, oval and pointed, quite small. New leaves deep purple-red. FLOWERS: small and solitary with numerous white stamens. FRUIT: bright red when ripe. The soft edible fruit is rounded and ridged to 2.5 cm across with hard smooth round seeds inside.

**Propagation:** Seedlings.

**Seed:** Squash fruit and separate seeds.

**treatment:** not necessary.

**storage:** seed should be sown soon after collection.

**Management:** Tolerates heavy pruning.

**Remarks:** It is widely cultivated in the tropics, including Uganda, as a hedge. The leaves are aromatic when crushed and are said to repel flies. The fruit are juicy and used to make jelly and jam. Plant as an orchard tree, as a hedge or as an ornamental.