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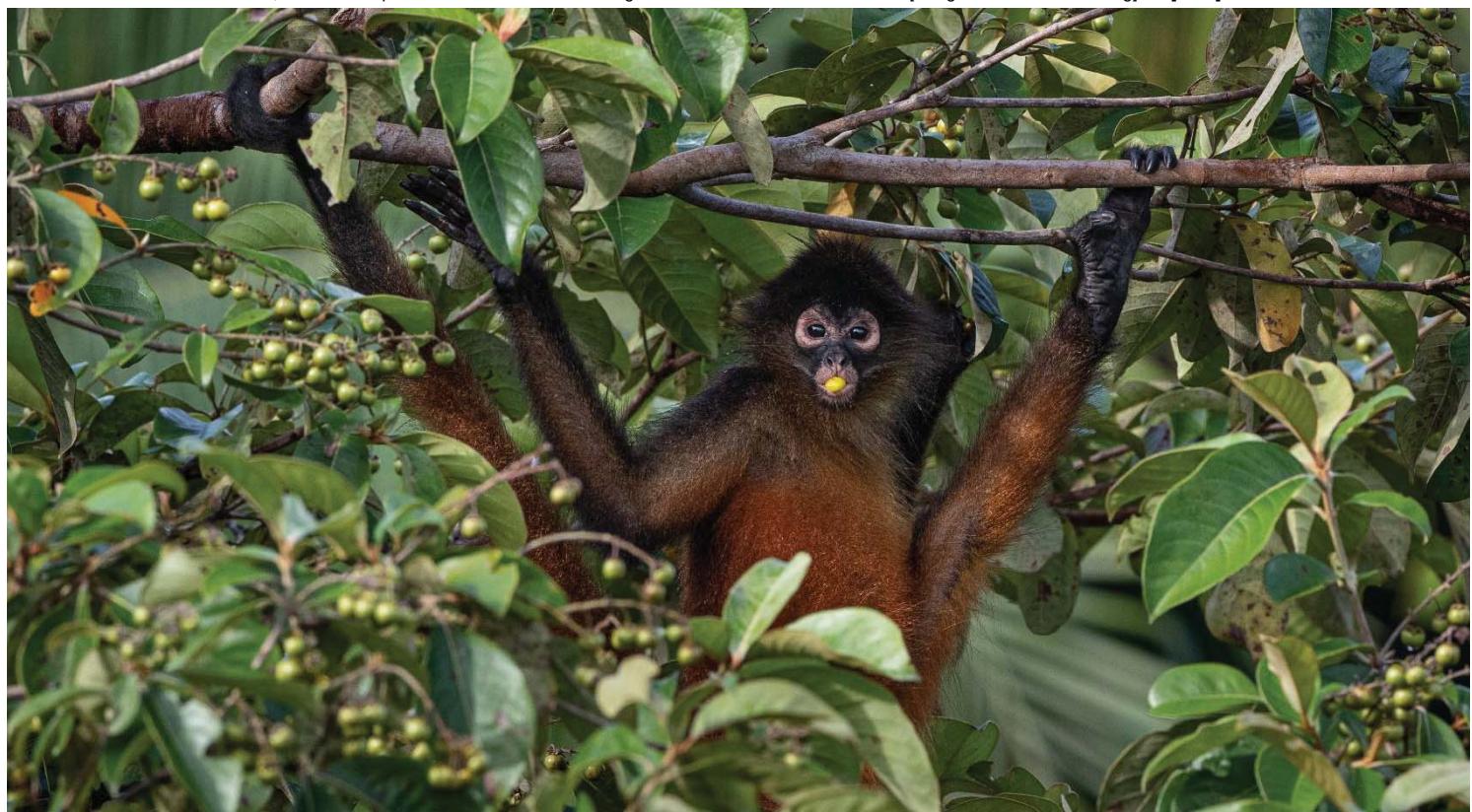
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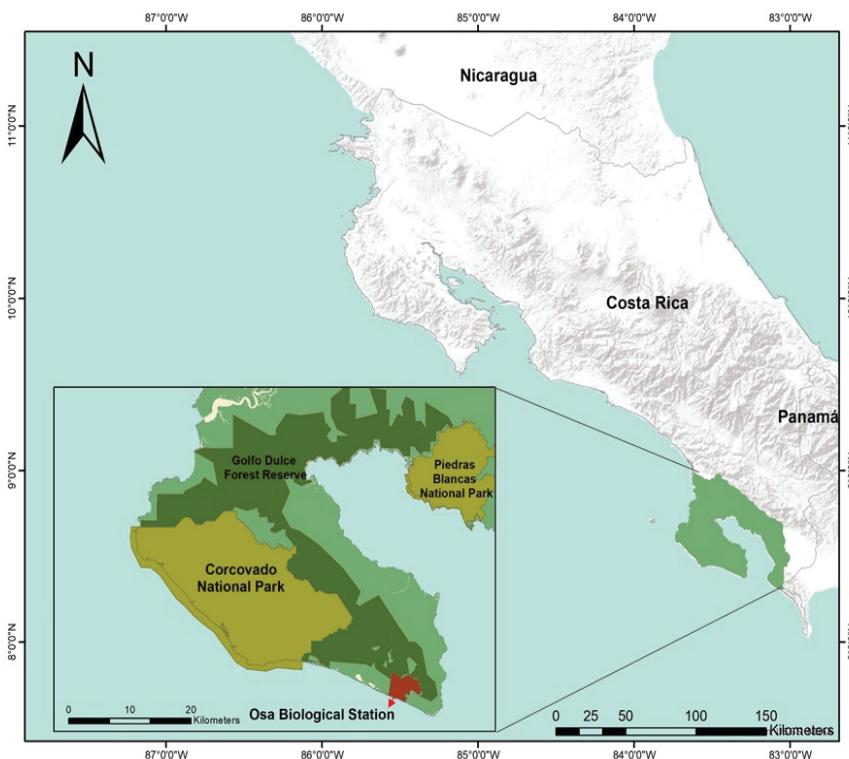
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Adult male Geoffroy's spider monkey (*Ateles geoffroyi*) feeding on *Byrsonima crassifolia*, Photo by Andrew Whitworth



The Osa Peninsula of southwest Costa Rica is home to the largest remaining tract of Pacific lowland wet forest in Mesoamerica. It is comprised of old and secondary growth seasonal tropical forest, and many other habitat types.

The Geoffroy's spider monkey is an endangered primate and an important disperser of large-seeded hardwood trees. One way in which spider monkeys influence tropical ecosystem structure and function is through the creation of visible terrestrial latrines beneath their "sleeping sites"—trees in which they frequently return to sleep.

This guide includes 79 of the 111 different plant species consumed by Geoffroy's spider monkeys as identified in a study recently carried out in the Osa Peninsula. The study considered sapling, and seed inventories from latrines and direct observations during in-situ follows. For a detailed description: Whitworth, A. Whittaker, L. Huarcaya, R.P. Flatt, E. Morales, M.L. Connor, D. Priego, M.G. Forsyth, A. Beirne, C. (2019) Spider Monkeys Rule the Roost: Ateline Sleeping Sites Influence Rainforest Heterogeneity. *Animals*, 9, 1052.

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1 *Mangifera indica*
ANACARDIACEAE



2 *Spondias mombin*
ANACARDIACEAE



3 *Spondias purpurea*
ANACARDIACEAE



4 *Tapirira guianensis*
ANACARDIACEAE



5 *Tapirira guianensis*
ANACARDIACEAE



6 *Duguetia confusa*
ANNONACEAE



7 *Guatteria amplifolia*
ANNONACEAE



8 *Guatteria pudica*
ANNONACEAE



9 *Klarobelia stipitata*
ANNONACEAE



10 *Xylopia macrantha*
ANNONACEAE



11 *Xylopia macrantha*
ANNONACEAE



12 *Monstera adansonii*
ARACEAE



13 *Astrocaryum standleyanum*
ARECACEAE



14 *Attalea butyracea*
ARECACEAE



15 *Socratea exorrhiza*
ARECACEAE



16 *Socratea exorrhiza*
ARECACEAE



17 *Protium glabrum*
BURSERACEAE



18 *Protium picramnioides*
BURSERACEAE



19 *Protium picramnioides*
BURSERACEAE



20 *Caryocar costaricense*
CARYOCARACEAE

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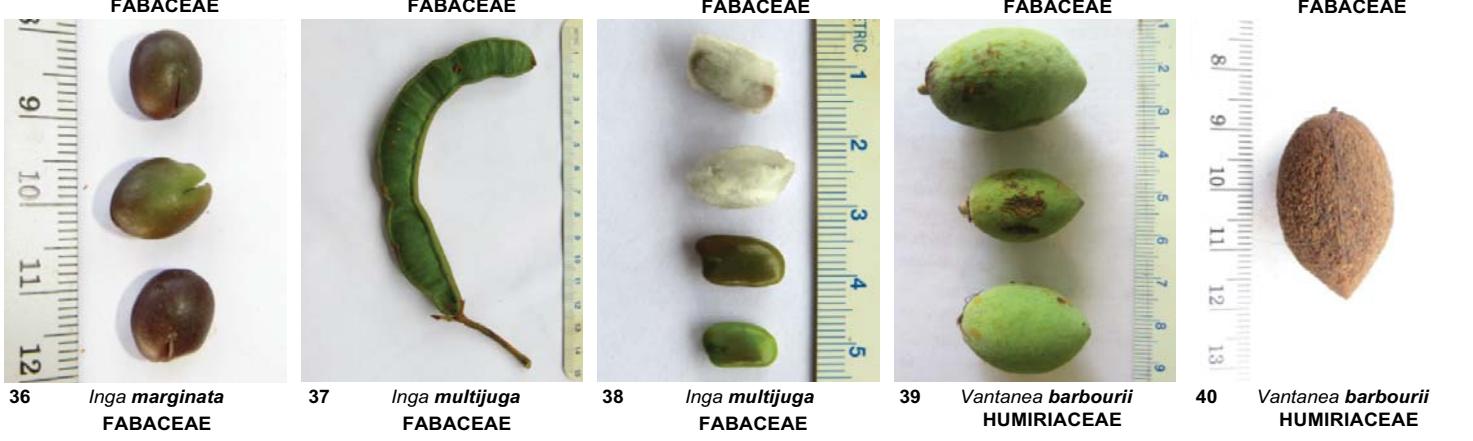
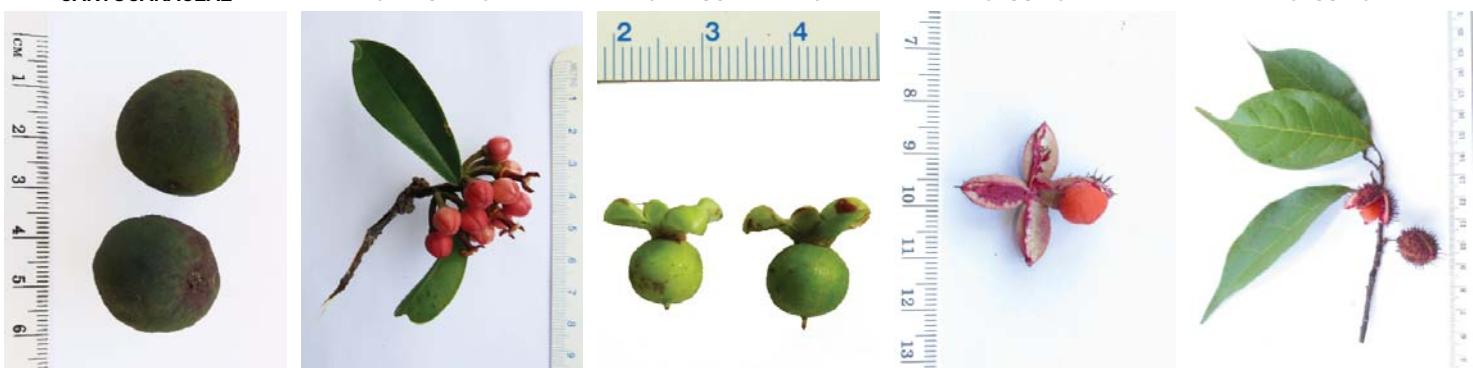
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41 *Beilschmiedia* sp.1
LAURACEAE



42 *Licaria misantiae*
LAURACEAE



43 *Damburneya umbrosa*
LAURACEAE



44 *Ocotea pullifolia*
LAURACEAE



45 *Ocotea pullifolia*
LAURACEAE



46 *Byrsinima crassifolia*
MALPIGHIACEAE



47 *Guazuma ulmifolia*
MALVACEAE



48 *Guazuma ulmifolia*
MALVACEAE



49 *Luehea seemannii*
MALVACEAE



50 *Ochroma pyramidalis*
MALVACEAE



51 *Ochroma pyramidalis*
MALVACEAE



52 *Quararibea platyphylla*
MALVACEAE



53 *Marcgravia schippii*
MARCGRAVIACEAE



54 *Miconia argentea*
MELASTOMATACEAE



55 *Guarea chiricana*
MELIACEAE



56 *Guarea pterorhachis*
MELIACEAE



57 *Guarea tonduzii*
MELIACEAE



58 *Guarea tonduzii*
MELIACEAE



59 *Trichilia* sp.1
MELIACEAE



60 *Trichilia tuberculata*
MELIACEAE

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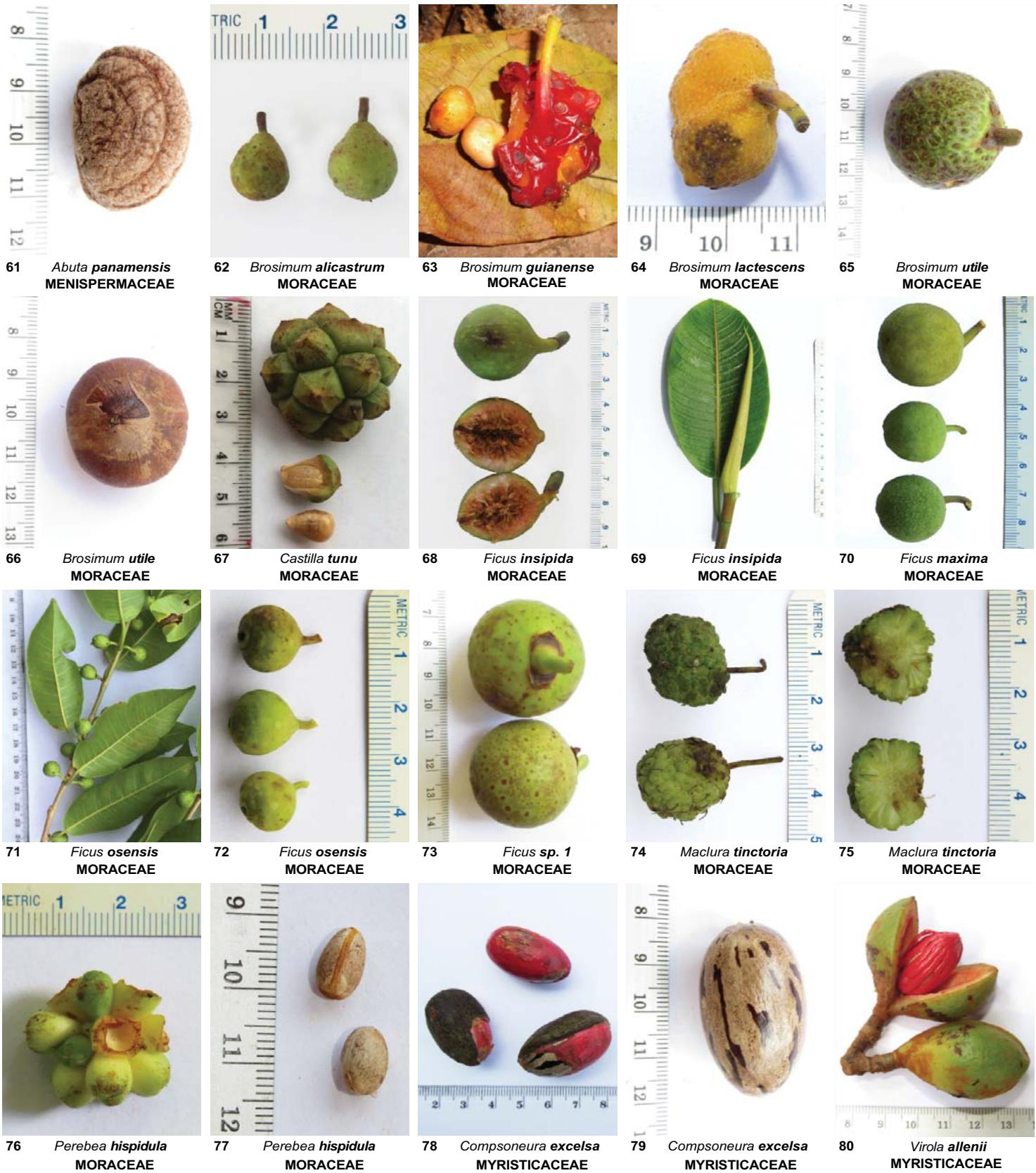
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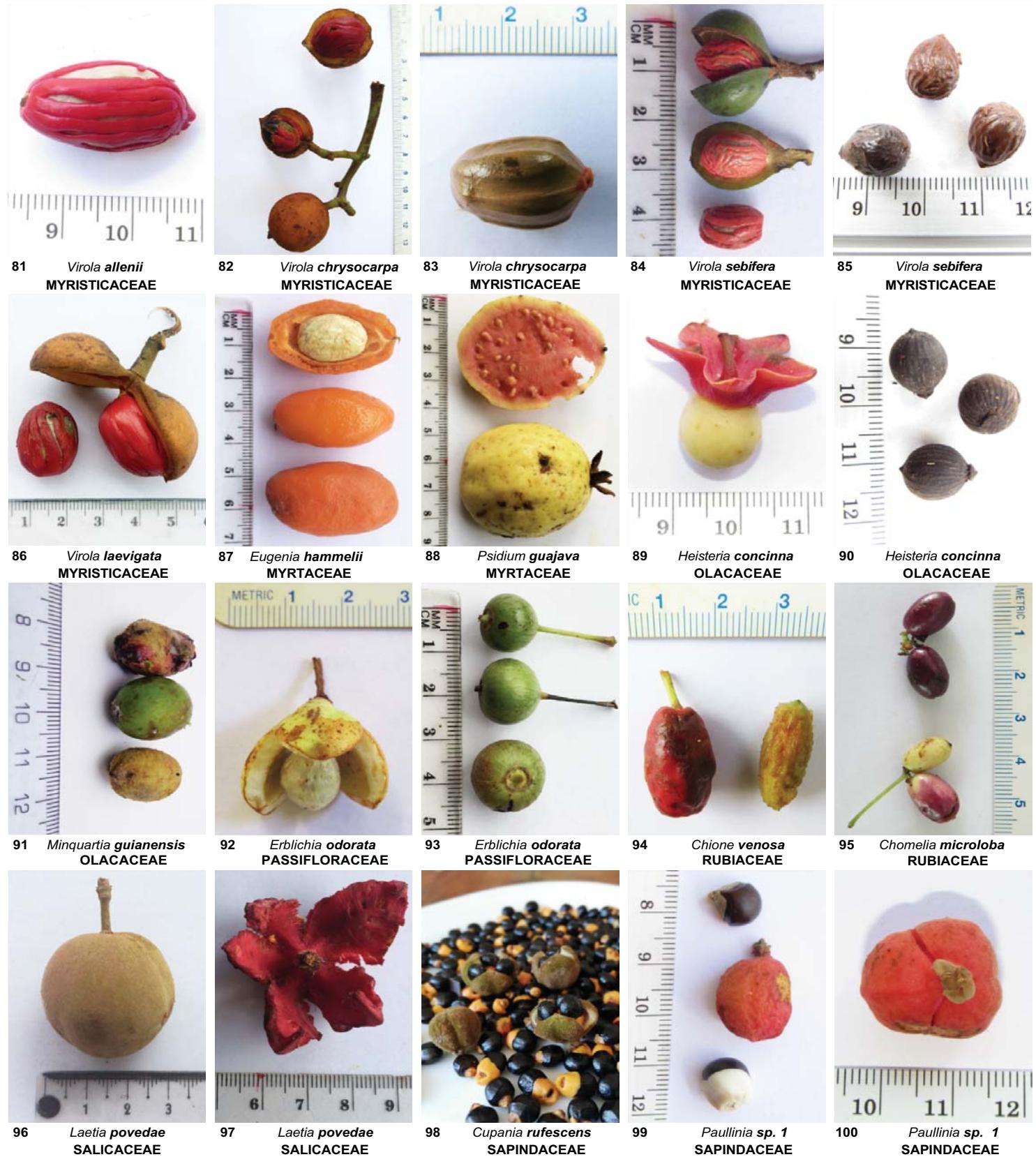
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SAPOTACEAE



102 *Chrysophyllum cainito*
SAPOTACEAE



103 *Pouteria spicata*
SAPOTACEAE



104 *Pouteria spicata*
SAPOTACEAE



105 *Pouteria sp. 1*
SAPOTACEAE



106 *Pouteria sp. 1*
SAPOTACEAE



107 *Pouteria sp2 .*
SAPOTACEAE



108 *Pouteria sp. 2*
SAPOTACEAE



109 *Pouteria sp. 3*
SAPOTACEAE



110 *Pouteria sp. 3*
SAPOTACEAE



111 *Pouteria torta*
SAPOTACEAE



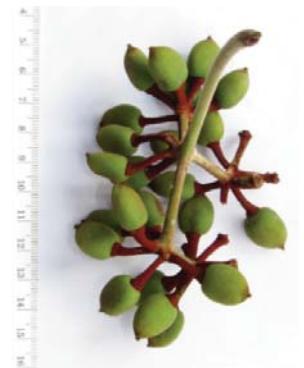
112 *Simarouba amara*
SIMAROUBACEAE



113 *Simarouba amara*
SIMAROUBACEAE



114 *Cecropia peltata*
URTICACEAE



115 *Pououma bicolor*
URTICACEAE