

GOULDIA TORREANA

Thompson's Thymelaeaceae

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The genus *Goeldia* is named in honor of the Brazilian naturalist and explorer, Dr. Carlos de Carvalho Goeldi, who discovered the plant in the Amazon region. The name is derived from the Greek word *goeldia*, meaning "to go" or "to move". The plant is a small, shrubby tree, with a height of about 10 meters. It has a thick, woody trunk and a dense, rounded canopy. The leaves are alternate, ovate, and have a smooth, shiny surface. The flowers are small, white, and have a long, tubular shape. The fruit is a small, round, red berry. The plant is found in the Amazon rainforest, where it grows in the understory. It is a common plant in the region and is used by the local people for various purposes. The wood is used for building and the bark is used for medicine. The fruit is eaten as a snack. The plant is also used for decorative purposes. It is a beautiful plant and is a valuable addition to any garden.

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