

Checklist of Common Plants of Amazonian Peru
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Trees or Tree-like Plants

acacia - *Acacia* many species, (Bean Family, Fabaceae)
annona - *Rollinia* sp. (Sour Sop Family, Annonaceae)
avocado - *Persea americana* (Laurel Family, Lauraceae)
balsa - *Ochroma pyramidale* (Mallow Family, Malvaceae)
banana *Musa acuminata* (Banana Family, Musaceae)
cacao - *Theobroma cacao* - chocolate (Mallow Family, Malvaceae)
cecropia - *Cecropia* get sp - (Stinging Nettle Family, Urticaceae)
cedar - *Cedrelo odorata* - Spanish cedar (Pine Family, Pinaceae)
chambira palm - *Astrocaryum chambira* (Palm Family, Arecaceae)
ebony - *Diospyros* (Ebony Family, Ebenaceae)
figs - *Ficus*, many species, but *Ficus carica* is the common fig with edible fruits. (Mulberry Family, Moraceae)
fishbait tree - *Parahancornia peruviana* - Spanish name *naranjo*
guava - *Psidium guayaba* (Myrtle Family, Myrtaceae)
kapok - *Ceiba pentandra* (Mallow Family, Malvaceae)
mora, old fustic, dyer's mulberry - *Maclura tinctoria* (Mulberry Family, Moraceae) moriche
palm, *aguaje* - *Mauritia flexuosa* (Palm Family, Arecaceae)
papaya *Carica papaya* (Papaya Family, Caricaceae)
pomegranate *Punica granata* (Lythrum Family, Lythraceae)
rubber - *Hevea brasiliensis* (Poinsettia Family, Euphorbiaceae)
swamp immortal - *Erythrina fusca* (Bean Family, Fabaceae)
willow - *Salix martiana* (Willow Family, Salicaceae)
yuca, manioc, cassava - *Manihot esculenta* (Poinsettia Family, Euporbiaceae)

Shrubs and Herbs

cassia - *Cassia* (Bean Family, Fabaceae)
cotton - *Gossypium* sp. (Mallow Family, Malvaceae)
giant canes - *Gynerium* sp. (Grass Family, Gramineae)
ginger lily - *Hedychium coronarium* (Ginger Family, Zingiberaceae)
heliconia - *Heliconia* sp. (Heliconia Family, Heliconiaceae)
pineapple - *Ananas comosus* (Pineapple Family, Bromeliaceae)
piper - *Piper*, *Peperomia* and related species (Piper Family, Piperaceae)
water hyacinth - *Eichornia crassipes* (Water Hyacinth Family, Pontederiaceae)
water lettuce - *Pistia stratoites* (Aroid Family, Araceae)

Epiphytes, Vines and Lianas

caigua - *Cyclanthera pedata* (Trumpet Vine Family, Bignoniaceae)
mistletoe - *Phoradendron* sp. (Mistletoe Family, Loranthaceae)
morning glory - *Ipomoea* sp. (Morning Glory Family, Convolvulaceae)
orchid - Several 100 species in more than 30 genera (Orchid Family, Orchidaceae)
passion vine - *Passiflora* sp. (Passion Vine Family, Passifloraceae)
strangler fig - *Ficus americana* (Mulberry Family, Moraceae)

sweet potato - *Ipomoea batatas* (Morning Glory Family, Convolvulaceae)
tilandsia - *Tilandsia* sp. (Pineapple Family, Bromeliaceae)