PLANT FACT SHEET

Calytrix tetragona Labill.

GENUS *Calytrix* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Common Fringe myrtle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows about 1-2 m tall. It can spread 0.8-2 m wide. It has a smell. It has many stems from the base. The branches are slender and often arch over. The leaves are narrow and about 1 cm long by 1 mm wide. They often have finely fringed edges. The flowers are white or pink and star-like. They are 1.5 cm across. They occur in dense clusters. These are in the axils of upper leaves. The fruit is bristly and deep purple-brown. The plant turns purplish-red after petals drop.

HABITAT

It grows in heathlands near the coast. It is a temperate plant. They require well drained, light textured soil. Soils of low nutrient content are best. It can grow in semiarid places. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings. Seeds are difficult to germinate. Cuttings root easily.

NOTES

There are about 70-75 Calytrix species.

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