PLANT FACT SHEET

Luma chequen (Molina) A. Gray

GENUS *Luma* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Chequen, Arrayan blanco

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 8 m high. The flowers are white with 4 petals. The fruit are fleshy, dark purple and 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. In Chile it grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level. It grows in water or with its roots in water. It grows in humid areas with constant rainfall. It can tolerate shade. It grows in hardiness zone 9. It can tolerate light frost.

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