PLANT FACT SHEET

Acronychia imperforata F. Muell

GENUS *Acronychia* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Beach acronychia, Coastal acronychia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten. They are acid and refreshing. The fruit is used for jam.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub. It grows 3-10 m tall and spreads 2-5 m across. It has a dark green crown. The young shoots are reddish. The leaves only have one leaflet. They are 5-12 cm long by 1.5-5 cm across. They are shaped like an ellipse. The leaf is notched at the tip. They are dark green on top and paler underneath. The oil dots are very small and scarcely visible. The leaf stalk is 0.5-2.5 cm long. Flowers occur in a branched stalk in the axils of leaves. Only a few flowers occur and they are about 1 cm across. Flowers are yellow. The fruit is fleshy and 1-2 cm long. It is oval in shape and yellow or orange. The fruit is edible.

HABITAT

They are found naturally in Northeast Australia in New South Wales and Queensland. It suits subtropical conditions. It grows well on the coast and can withstand salt spray and wind. It needs a well drained soil. It can grow in full sun or part shade. It is sensitive to cold.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit mature October to December. (September to December) (August to December)

NOTES

There are 42-50 Acronychia species.

PICTURES



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