PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyathodes glauca Labill.

GENUS *Cyathodes* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple cheeseberry, Handsome cheeseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small bush. It can be 1-2 m tall but can be 10 m tall when among other vegetation. The leaves are sword shaped. The leaves are 1.5-3 cm long by 0.3-0.5 cm wide. They are clustered in false rings. The flowers occur in clusters amongst the leaves. They are like tubes and 1 cm long. They are white and are at the tips of the branches. The fruit are red. They are flattened. They are 0.8 cm across. The fruit remain hanging on the plant.

HABITAT

A warm temperate plant. A Tasmanian endemic plant. It suits cool places. It grows in hills and mountains. It needs well drained moist soil. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Tasmanian Herbarium. Arboretum Tasmania. In Hobart Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It grows easily from cuttings. They can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowers occur from December to January.

NOTES

There are about 15 Cyathodes species.

PICTURES



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