PLANT FACT SHEET

Ardisia polycephala Wall. ex A. DC.

GENUS *Ardisia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Spiceberry shrub

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Vegetable

Young plants are eaten as a vegetable.
The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 5 m tall. The bark is brownish-grey and warty. The leaves are alternate and sword shaped. The flowers are in groups at the end of the plant. They are pink and star shaped. The fruit are round berries. They are 7 mm across. They are fleshy and red to bark purple or black. There is one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows along riverbanks. Adelaide Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

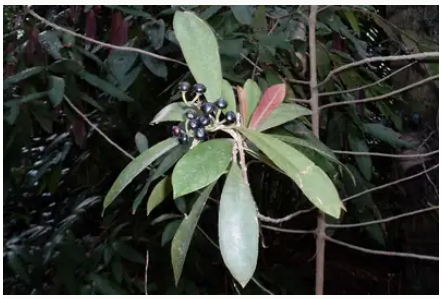
NOTES

There are about 250-300 Ardisia species. They are mainly in the tropics. Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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