PLANT FACT SHEET

Brachyloma depressum (F. Muell.) Benth.

GENUS *Brachyloma* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Spreading brachyloma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for jams and jellies.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 1-1.5 m high and spreads 1-2 m wide. There are many branches and they are slender and wiry. The leaves are 1.5 cm long. They are alternate and taper to a long sharp point. The flowers are like tubes. They are 0.3 cm long. They occur singly. They are on very short stalks in the axils of leaves. They occur in clusters at the base of flowering branches. The flowers are white. The fruit is fleshy with a hard stone. It has 5 cells.

HABITAT

It is a temperate coastal plant. It grows in very well drained light soils. It does best with light shade. It can tolerate frost. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are 7 Brachyloma species. They grow in Australia.

PICTURES



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