PLANT FACT SHEET

Ehretia saligna R. Br.

GENUS *Ehretia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES Native willow, False cedar, Peachwood, Peach Wood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 3-6 m tall and spreads 2-4 m wide. It loses its leaves in the dry season. Leaves are narrow with a long tip. They are thin textured and bright green above and bluish underneath. They are 5-25 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The leaves droop downwards. New growth is bright green. The flowers are white or light cream and form tubes at the base. They are 0.4 cm across. The flowers occur in groups. The fruit are small red berries and 0.4 cm across. They turn black with age. There are 4 cells.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical areas in Australia. It is often along stream banks. It grows on stony ridges and sandy forest country. It is best in humus-rich soils in an open sunny position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed.

NOTES

There are about 50 Ehretia species.

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