PLANT FACT SHEET

Peperomia obtusifolia (Linnaeus) A. Dietrich

GENUS *Peperomia* **FAMILY** Piperaceae

COMMON NAMES American rubber plant, Blunt-leaved peperomia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are cooked and used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A fleshy herb. It can be erect or sprawling. The stems are 15 cm long. They take root at the nodes. The leaves are oval and 10 cm long. They are thick and alternate. They have rounded tips and wedge shaped bases. They are on winged stalks. This species varies a lot and is difficult to identify from others.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in light to dark shade in moist and rich soil up to 20 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 1,000 Peperomia species. They are mostly in South America. These have previously been put in the Peperomaceae family.

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