PLANT FACT SHEET

Lycianthes asarifolia (Kunth & C.D. Bouche) Bitter

GENUS *Lycianthes* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Gingerleaf, Cururu cui, Motojobobo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A creeping herb. The leaves are round. The base is heart shaped. They are 4-6 cm across. The leaf stalk is 5-7 cm long. The flowers occur singly. They are white and in the axils of leaves. The fruit is 1-2 cm long by 1 cm across. They are orange. There are many seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Bolivia it grows to 1000 m altitude. In Argentina it grows between 500-1,400 m above sea level. It grows in shady places. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

There are about 200 Lycianthes species.

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