PLANT FACT SHEET

Margyricarpus pinnatus (Lam.) Kuntze

GENUS *Margyricarpus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Pearl berry, Pearl fruit

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It is spreading. It can be 60 cm high. It is densely branching. The stems interweave. The leaves are bright green and like needles. They divided into leaflets along the stalk. The leaflets are 18 mm long. The leaves are closely packed in rings. The flowers are in the axils of the leaves. The flowers are small and green. The fruit are white and they can have purple tints.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to subtropical plant. It is native to the Andes in Chile. It is hardy to light frosts. It will grow in most well drained soils. It can grow in sun or part shade. It suffers with prolonged wet conditions. It grows on arid hills in Brazil. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 3,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 9-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seed, cuttings or layering.

NOTES

There is only one (2) Margyricarpus species.

PICTURES



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