PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyathodes straminea R. Br.

GENUS *Cyathodes* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Spreading cheeseberry, Small-leaved cheeseberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A sprawling shrub with many branches. It is usually less than 1 m tall. The leaves are narrow and oval and 1-2 cm long. They are clustered near the ends of each year's growth. The leaves are pale underneath. The flowers are white and bell shaped and occur in clusters. These are near the ends of branches among the leaves. The false berries are flattened and shiny red. Old flowers can remain hanging on the fruit.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. They occur in alpine regions on dolerite mountains often growing among rocks. It grows on mountains over 1,000 m altitude. It needs well drained moist soil. Hobart Botanical Gardens. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are not easy to grow. Seed which have been eaten then regurgitated by birds are easier to get to grow. Plants can be grown from cuttings. They should be semi-hardwood cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are present for much of the year.

NOTES

There are 10 Cyathodes species in Tasmania. There are about 15 Cyathodes species.

PICTURES



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